Purpose: To authorize the establishment and maintenance of a national strategic stockpile of personal protective equipment for first responders.

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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the transfer of certain equipment during a public health emergency, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ______ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Scott of Florida

Viz:

At the end, add the following:
 SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF PERSONAL
 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RE SPONDERS.
 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security
 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.), as amended by section
 2, is amended by adding at the end the following:

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1	"SEC. 530. NATIONAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF PERSONAL
2	PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RE-
3	SPONDERS.
4	"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—
5	((1) the term 'first responder' means a 'public
6	safety officer' as defined in section 1204 of title I
7	of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
8	of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284); and
9	((2) the term 'personal protective equipment'
10	includes protective clothing, helmets, gloves, face
11	shields, goggles, face masks, and other supplies or
12	equipment designed to protect the wearer from in-
13	jury or the spread of infection or illness as the Sec-
14	retary determines appropriate.
15	"(b) Authorization.—
16	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—
17	"(A) establish and maintain a stockpile of
18	personal protective equipment for use by first
19	responders during an emergency declared under
20	section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
21	aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
22	U.S.C. 5191(b)) or under the National Emer-
23	gencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and
24	"(B) make such personal protective equip-
25	ment available, on a reimbursable basis, to first
26	responder agencies.

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"(2) DETERMINATION OF SECRETARY.—The
 Secretary shall, in consultation with the Secretary of
 Health and Human Services, determine what quan tities of equipment shall be appropriate to maintain
 the stockpile authorized under paragraph (1).

6 "(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—In lieu of reimbursement 7 from a first responder agency under subsection (b), the 8 Secretary may accept reimbursement from the State, or 9 political subdivision thereof, in which the first responder 10 agency is located.

11 "(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date 12 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit 13 to Congress a report on the progress made on establishing 14 a stockpile under this section, including the quantity of 15 materials that have been obtained and a description of the 16 plans of the Department to maintain the stockpile.".

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135),
as amended by section 2, is amended by inserting after
the item relating to section 528 the following:

"Sec. 530. National strategic stockpile of personal protective equipment for first responders.".