

House Agriculture Committee Member Day Hearing
Rep. Hillary Scholten Testimony on *CATCH IT Act*

Thank you, Chair Thompson and Ranking Member Craig, for holding this hearing.

I want to use this time to highlight my bipartisan *Community Access to Treatment and Care for Health through Increased Testing Act*, or the *CATCH IT Act*.

Whether our constituents live in a major city or a small town, everyone deserves access to life-saving early detection services. Our bill would build on the Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Grant Program, would boost the federal cost share by 25 percent for rural projects involving preventative health equipment like mammogram machines, mobile health units, and early-detection tools.

I introduced this legislation with my friend and colleague from Iowa, Congresswoman Hinson, because rural health is top of mind for both of us, as it is for many of you on this Committee. Our *CATCH IT Act* helps small communities afford the equipment they need to keep people healthy.

This is commonsense legislation that would expand affordable, accessible care in our smallest communities, too many of which have been overlooked for too long.

Thank you—I yield back.