

Opening Statement  
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Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Markup of 38 Bills  
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Thank you Chairman Pallone and Republican Leader Walden for holding today's full committee markup.

Today we are considering 38 important bills that largely share good, bipartisan support and exemplifies the best of this Committee working together. These bills span the Energy, Health, Telecommunications, and Consumer Protection subcommittees.

As the COVID-19 continues to rage on nationwide, this committee is marking up bills that would expand access to mental health services, combat the opioid epidemic, and strengthen Medicare enrollment protections, as well as protect consumers and seniors from COVID-19 related scams. Additionally, we have bills to enhance diversity in the broadcast industry, improving product safety through A.I. technologies, and an energy bill to improve management and personnel practices at the Department of Energy.

Two bills I am proud to co-lead have also been included, which would improve reporting requirements for suspicious orders of controlled substances and promote greater avenues for medical marijuana research.

Again, I am proud to support all the bills before Energy and Commerce Committee today and urge all my colleagues—Republicans and Democrats—to support and send these important bills to the full House floor for final consideration.

I thank this committee for its leadership, bipartisanship, and for working with me on advancing several of my bills. These are good bills every member can and should support.

Thank you and I yield back.