

Congressman Mike Doyle

PASTEUR Opening Statement

Mr. Chairman, I want to bring up an important issue that while we are not focused on today, I hope we can make progress on passing this Congress.

That is, H.R. 3932 the PASTEUR Act. This bipartisan legislation ensures that new antibiotics are developed as antibiotic resistant infections rise.

Drug-resistant infections already kill more people than HIV or malaria each year, including over 35,000 Americans with a cost of \$21- \$34 billion to the US health care system.

Despite this, few new antibiotic drugs are coming to market. The way the pharmaceutical market is structured discourages Research and

Development because of the small profit margin on antibiotics. In fact, many pharmaceutical companies have halted their antibiotic divisions all-together.

The PASTEUR Act would establish a subscription-style model offering antibiotic developers an upfront payment in exchange for access to their antibiotics.

Public health experts and the pharmaceutical industry agree that we need make these investments today to prevent future crises.

I look forward to working with you Mr. Chairman and my colleagues to ensure the PASTEUR Act is passed.

I yield back.