

Chairman Brett Guthrie Opening Statement
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Thank you, Chairman Griffith. And thank you to all of the witnesses for being here today.

Today we are considering a number of bills addressing FDA’s oversight of our nation’s food supply—an important discussion as we consider ways to strengthen consumer confidence in the foods Americans eat.

The Trump Administration’s “Make America Healthy Again” strategy includes several initiatives to ensure our food supply is safe and nutritious. States and private sector partners have also taken additional steps to respond to consumer demand for greater transparency and accountability.

Today’s hearing provides an opportunity to examine how FDA’s existing authorities are working, and where Congress may need to provide clarity or improvement.

It is important for Americans to know what’s in their food—whether that’s nutritional value or what additives and allergens may be included.

In addition to consumer transparency policies, we are also examining bills to improve coordination between federal, state, and local officials when it comes to food safety. Some bills would prioritize timely information-sharing during food safety incidents, like outbreaks of foodborne illness; others address producer concerns regarding standards of identity and fair labeling practices.

This Committee has a history of strong oversight of infant formula to ensure supply is adequate, safe, and readily available for families and children. Several

bills before us today address product safety, testing, and marketing of baby formula, with the goal of ensuring families have access to safe nutrition for their children. We're excited about opportunities to strengthen the quality and security of the infant formula supply chain with the best interests of American families in mind – as the Trump Administration is doing with Project Stork Speed.

However, we must be cautious in how we approach this, as I fear some of the legislation before us today would benefit trial lawyers more than the children we should be striving to protect.

In fact, many of the bills that we'll discuss today need more work before they would be ready to move forward. But, I appreciate the opportunity we have this Congress to come to the table and work together on these issues that are important to all Americans.

I thank the witnesses for their participation and look forward to today's discussion.

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