

**Chairman Brett Guthrie Opening Statement**  
**Subcommittee on Health**  
*Markup of Ten Bills*  
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Thank you, Chairman Griffith, for your leadership in advancing these important bills.

Today, we are reauthorizing key programs that are making meaningful differences in the lives of Americans. These programs are helping us fight vector-borne diseases, like Lyme Disease and malaria; they are preventing breast cancer in young women through targeted education campaigns; they are developing treatments for ALS, giving hope to the patients and families impacted by this devastating disease; and finally, these programs are improving access to care by meeting patients where they're at—through school-based health centers and through the use of technology to train, advise, and support clinicians that are seeking to provide specialty care in rural and underserved areas.

We are also marking up two pieces of legislation that will improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries and providers.

One bill would provide greater flexibility in quality reporting methods for providers participating in certain accountable care organizations, reducing red tape for these providers as they transition to value-based models of care. The second bill would provide additional flexibility for Medicare Part B beneficiaries to have the ability to pay for certain wheelchair upgrades.

Further, we are marking up a bill that would allow FDA to crack down on “port shopping”—a practice foreign actors use to push illicit and dangerous products into our U.S. supply chain. This bill will improve efficiencies at our ports and make better use of FDA’s finite resources to protect the American public.

All in all, the bills we are marking up today would ensure vital programs continue, and they offer more flexibility to patients and providers to strengthen the foundation of our health care system. While there is always more to be done, this markup is another critical step toward a safer and healthier future for all Americans.

Thank you and I yield back.