

Chairman Brett Guthrie Opening Statement
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Thank you, Chairman Griffith for your leadership in advancing these important public health bills today.

I want to first take a moment to recognize the great work that we, as a Committee, have done to not only mitigate the threat of illicit drugs flooding into the United States, but also support our fellow Americans who are battling substance use disorder.

While I'm proud of getting both the *HALT Fentanyl Act* and the *SUPPORT Act* signed into law last year, there is always more that can be done. We remain committed to a healthier and safer America.

In this markup, we'll consider bills that will reduce the threat of xylazine and nitazenes.

The bills before us today will help get threatening substances off our streets, as well as help make our communities healthier and safer.

Today, we are also considering several bills focused on enhancing transparency in health care. This includes legislation to build on the Trump Administration's historic price transparency regulations and to take action on the President's Great Healthcare Plan. These bills will help provide the tools that consumers and employers need to make health care more affordable and increase competition across the market and build on the Committee's many years of bipartisan work to improve transparency in health care.

Our markup today will reinforce the Committee's leadership on these issues as we continue working on these policies with colleagues across the aisle, in other House committees, and in the Senate to advance these price transparency policies into law.

I want to thank my colleagues for being here and considering the legislation before us and, I yield back.