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Consumers are fed up with impossibly high ticket prices for sporting events and concerts, events that immediately sell out with little clarity about whether more tickets or dates will be offered, and a confusing resale market that leaves consumers unsure of who they can trust.

Look no further than the FIFA World Cup. I, along with many of my colleagues, have been critical of FIFA’s opaque pricing, shifting rules, and potentially deceptive practices that hurt everyday fans. Let me be clear, this isn’t a one-time headache. These anti-fan tactics are rampant in the industry and will continue unless Congress steps in to do something.

That is why I am glad that today we are considering a discussion draft of my BOSS and SWIFT Act of 2026, proposed in honor of my late friend and colleague Rep. Bill Pascrell who championed fans and this bill for many years.

The BOSS and SWIFT Act will bring transparency and fairness to the event ticketing marketplace, including known problems like hidden fees, refund policies and practices, clarity about ticket inventory so consumers can make educated purchasing decisions, prohibiting employees of primary and secondary exchanges from selling tickets at marked up prices, and more.

I look forward to working with stakeholders on this draft to ensure that fans receive the strongest possible protections when they spend their hard-earned money to buy event tickets.