Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this mark up and allowing me time to speak.

I appreciate the Committee’s leadership for having this markup today.

All these bills address issues that require foresight and congressional action.

The bills range from important healthcare measures, to reinforcing our partnerships abroad, to building a 21st communications structure.


All reauthorize and make improvements upon programs with proven track records of success.

H.R. 724 removes unnecessary, outdated, and redundant paperwork for auto dealers across the country.

Additionally, today we recognize that energy security is equivalent to national security.


At the time, EISA focused on U.S. – Israel Energy Cooperation in the field of renewable energy.
Since that time, U.S. energy firms have worked with the Israeli government to develop Israeli supplies of traditional resources.

Recently, several large natural gas fields were discovered off the coast of Israel.

It remains essential that our ally in the Middle East receives technical and financial assistance from the U.S. government and U.S. energy developers, so that Israel can safely and economically development their domestic supplies that are vital to meeting the demands of the next century.

I am also happy to learn that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle were able to agree on necessary changes to the Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act.

These changes will make the FCC more accountable to the public, while providing important protections to the Universal Service Fund.

Finally, the Federal Spectrum Incentive Act will help advance the ball with respect to the pending spectrum shortage that will negatively impact industry, consumers, and innovators in the coming years.

This bill is a notable step forward.

It will provide federal agencies with financial incentives to free up underutilized spectrum under their control for private use.

The bills before us today represent bipartisan congressional leadership and remind us that we must resolve to work together and craft forward-looking solutions.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and I yield back.