

Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Opening Statement
of
Subcommittee on Health Ranking Member Gene Green
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E&C Full Committee Markup on Health & Energy Legislation

I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for holding today's markup. There are several health bills that I wish to highlight and ask for everyone's support.

I ask for every Member's support of the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act, which I was proud to introduce with Reps. Guthrie, Lujan, and Bucshon. This legislation will fund designated treatment centers where individuals will receive comprehensive patient-centered care for opioid addiction.

I also ask for all my colleagues to join in support of the Over-the-Counter (OTC) Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act, and the amendment that will be considered. This bill will reform the currently inefficient and burdensome OTC drug monograph system that prevents the FDA from quickly updating monographs to respond to safety concerns. This legislation has bipartisan support, as well as support of public health organizations, like the March of Dimes and the Pew Charitable Trust.

Finally, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 5554, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments. This legislation reauthorizes ADUFA and AGDUFA. It is the product of extensive negotiations between FDA, stakeholders, and Members on this committee and has strong bipartisan support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield the remainder of my time.