

## AMK OPENING REMARKS

Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee Markup

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- Thank you, Chairwoman Eshoo.
- Characterizing our work today as six bills is quite the understatement: it includes comprehensive legislation on drug regulation, investing in biomedical research, and mental health and substance use disorder.
- It also includes my legislation to remove barriers in generic drug approvals, the *Increasing Transparency In Generic Drug Applications Act*.
- The cost of prescription drugs is a near constant concern when I speak with my constituents. And I am committed to bringing down the cost of prescription drugs so that folks in New Hampshire

and across this country can afford their life-saving medications.

- My legislation, included in the *Food and Drug Amendments Act* today, would bring lower-cost generic drugs to market faster, so that Americans can pay less for their prescriptions at the pharmacy counter.
- It is this type of commonsense legislation that we should all support and advance.
- I am also pleased to see the commitment of this committee to turning the tide on the addiction and mental health crisis with the comprehensive *Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act* and my legislation with Congressman Hudson, the *KIDS CARES Act*.

- This bill is a critical step to addressing serious gaps in our mental health and criminal justice system, by allowing Medicaid mental health screenings for incarcerated kids.
- By meeting children where they are and ensuring they have adequate care, we can give them a chance and end the cycle of recidivism.
- Thank you, Chairwoman Eshoo, for including this legislation today.
- I yield back.