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Markup of Eight Bills

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In the proud tradition of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee, today we will be considering bipartisan bills that will protect consumers and strengthen the economy.

Following last week's dynamic hearing, we will today markup the "American Data Privacy and Protection Act". This markup will add to the growing momentum toward delivering, in federal law, fundamental digital privacy rights for all Americans. I have been proud to work with Ranking Member Bilirakis, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Rogers as well as many other major contributors to bring us to this day.

Other bills we will consider today cover a range of topics to enhance consumer safety, including:

- The "SECURE Notarization Act", offers consumers a convenient and accessible way to safely navigate the notarization process remotely.
- "Reese's Law", introduced by Representative Kelly, protects children from deadly "button cell" batteries that can be easily ingested.
- The "PAST Act", ends the cruel practice of horse soring.
- The "SAFE Act", introduced by Representative Buchanan and me, ends the slaughter of horses for human consumption.
- The "Informing Consumers About Smart Devices Act", introduced by Representative Curtis, requires that manufacturers disclose when a camera or recording device is built into certain products.
- The "RANSOMWARE Act", introduced by Ranking Member Bilirakis, requires FTC reporting of both ransomware attacks and the FTC response to those attacks.
- And the "Manufacturing.gov Act", introduced by Representatives Tonko and Upton, creates a centralized website to serve as the primary source for information related to Federal manufacturing programs.

Together, these bills will make Americans' daily lives safer and easier.

In particular, I look forward to continuing the substantive, bipartisan discussion on the "American Data Privacy and Protection Act" as we refine the robust foundation that we have built together. Let us seize this moment to return control of their data back to the American people. Thank you to everyone who made today's markup possible.