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The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman
The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee
Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet
2138 Rayburn House Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Dear Chairman Issa,

On behalf of the Coalition Against Socialized Medicine (CASM), I want to thank you for your commitment to protecting intellectual property rights, particularly at your upcoming hearing, [IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part IV – Patents, Standards, and Lawfare.](#)

Intellectual property rights are the lifeblood of a thriving free market and the cornerstone of American innovation. Without them, innovators have no reason to invest their time, money, and resources into creating new products. This truth is especially critical in the healthcare market, where breakthroughs in treatments and cures can transform—and even save—lives.

As the executive director of CASM, a coalition dedicated to defending free-market principles in America's healthcare system, I firmly believe that intellectual property protections are non-negotiable. They are what make our capitalist economy work and what keep our competitive edge sharp in the global marketplace. Against foreign adversaries like China, who are eager to steal our ideas and undermine our innovation, safeguarding the intellectual property of American risk-takers is nothing short of a national priority. Innovators need the assurance that their work will be protected and that their investment has the potential for reward. Without this guarantee, innovation will wither, and we will fall behind.

As this Congressional session comes to a close and you prepare for the challenges of a new year, I urge you to prioritize the protection of intellectual property rights. These rights are foundational to our competitive prescription drug market. Patent protections enable pharmaceutical pioneers to take bold risks, delivering life-saving drugs to patients while fostering the competition that ultimately drives down prices.

This is not just a policy debate; it's an issue that affects every American. I implore you to take this fight seriously and ensure that America remains the global leader in innovation and healthcare.

Sincerely,

Andrew Langer
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