

Committee on Energy and Commerce
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of
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Markup of Five Bills

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Today, our Committee marks up 5 bipartisan bills.

First is the Lymphedema Treatment Act sponsored by Representative Jan Schakowsky with 353 cosponsors.

This is one of the most popular bills in the House. Up to ten million Americans live with debilitating lymphedema. There is no cure for lymphedema, but it can be effectively treated. Unfortunately, many insurers, including Medicare, do not cover doctor-prescribed compression supplies for treating the swelling caused by the disease.

Congresswoman Schakowsky's bill will change that oversight so that Medicare beneficiaries can get the medically-necessary care they need. She's been working on this bill for over 12 years and I'm pleased that it is finally moving forward today.

I'm also pleased today's markup includes legislation I introduced with Congresswoman Kuster, the Safe Connections Act, to ensure survivors of domestic violence can safely access vital communication tools.

This bill tackles digital abuse by ensuring that shared phone plans don't pose an additional barrier for survivors to leave abusive relationships and expands eligibility for free and low-cost connectivity services.

Finally, the Spectrum Innovation Act includes an updated version of legislation I introduced to establish a new federal grant program to help fund the nationwide adoption of Next Generation 9-1-1.

Next Generation 9-1-1 will bring our nation's 9-1-1 services into the 21st century, making our emergency communication centers more secure, resilient, interoperable, and reliable. And it will help save lives.

I look forward to seeing these bills become law. I yield back.