

CDD Remarks
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- Thank you, Chairman Guthrie, Ranking Member Pallone, for allowing me to speak on issues that matter to eastern North Carolina.
- Healthcare has been one of my highest legislative priorities.
- While H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, included provisions I supported, it also included \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid over the next decade.
- North Carolina, especially our rural communities, where one hospital has closed since I last testified before you, will bear the brunt of the burden.

Maintaining Investments in New Innovation (Act).

- While the IRA included many important policies that lower patient costs, it unfairly penalized small molecule therapies, which often come in the form of a capsule or tablet.
- Patients prefer pills and tablets, which are easier to take than injections.
- By removing artificial government disincentives against small molecule therapies developed with genetically targeted technology, the MINI Act keeps cutting-edge treatments available for those who need them most at a low cost.
- I would urge the committee to take up H.R. 2707, the Protecting American Families and Servicemembers from

- Since I entered Congress, one of my top priorities has been expanding broadband and improving affordability.
- Much of eastern North Carolina is rural and has significant infrastructure needs.
- Broadband will significantly improve the lives of families and businesses across eastern North Carolina.
- For energy, our communities care about reliability and affordability.
- Any reduction in reliability only puts seniors and children at risk of blackouts, leaving them to face grueling heatwaves or frigid cold spells.

- We will not meet the growing energy demand in eastern North Carolina, across the state, and the U.S. without permitting reform.
- We need more energy generation sources online and connected to the grid.
- The Committee must pursue an all-around energy approach.
- A combination of traditional and renewable energy sources paired with timely permits is necessary.

- That will deliver energy independence, reduce energy costs, and increase reliability.
- To achieve these goals, we must ensure broadband and energy projects are completed to bring rural communities online and reduce their utility costs.
- To that end, I urge this committee to pursue true commonsense policies across healthcare and permitting reform that can improve the lives of eastern North Carolinians and the American people.
- Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.