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THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

- When it comes to [addressing the economic crisis](#), the Blue Dogs believe that Congress must do all that it can to keep workers tethered to their jobs, support the unemployed and ensure businesses survive so that workers have jobs when we emerge from this crisis.
 - It is also up to businesses to act in good faith with our taxpayer dollars by protecting as many employees as possible while also keeping their operations afloat.
- Since the start of this crisis, the Blue Dogs have [urged leadership](#) of both parties to stop the partisan games. Peoples' lives and livelihoods are on the line, and the only way to help will be to identify solutions that can pass through a divided government.
- The Blue Dogs have also [urged congressional leadership](#) to ensure funding is designated only for the pandemic response, and attach accountability measures, including sunset clauses, to ensure the emergency funding is regularly evaluated for need and effectiveness. A quickly-evolving crisis requires a nimble response.
- We're facing a war unlike anything we've ever seen in modern times, and we need to be marshalling every resource we have to help beat this virus and ensure a speedy economic recovery. But we also cannot allow ourselves to ever be caught flat-footed or unprepared for either the next coronavirus wave, or any other pandemic. That's why the Blue Dogs support the [establishment of a bipartisan commission](#) to assess the United States' preparation for and response to pandemics.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COVID-19

- **This moment demonstrates why running a \$1 trillion deficit during times of economic expansion hurts our nation and poses a national security risk.**
 - In times of economic expansion, both parties must work together to put us on a path toward fiscal sustainability to ensure we are prepared for any necessary response to an unforeseen emergency, including a public health crisis such as COVID-19.
 - We should have been getting our fiscal house in order well before the first case of COVID-19 arrived in the U.S.

- **There is no question that we must do all that we can to support our frontline workers, our health care system and our economy during this crisis.** Containing the virus and addressing the economic crisis should be our top priorities right now.
- In times of crisis, when the economy is struggling and households across the country are losing income, there's no question the government should borrow money to protect the lives and livelihood of the American people. **Then, during periods of growth, we must correct our course to get our budget back on track. Once we get through this crisis, it will be even more important for Congress to pay for things and to make the necessary, tough decisions to get our fiscal house in order.**
- **However, unprecedented spending must be matched with significant oversight and transparency measures to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse with our taxpayer dollars.**

PROTECTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS:

- **During this pandemic, every federal dollar wasted is a dollar less to support our health care system, our workers, and our businesses. Protecting taxpayer money should be the ultimate bipartisan cause, and the American people are counting on us to get this right.**
- **That's why the Blue Dogs fought for strong oversight measures to be put in place in the CARES Act, and we were able to secure the following:**
 - **Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery:** The bill establishes a Special Inspector General to conduct oversight over stimulus spending by the Department of the Treasury. The bill requires the Special Inspector General to track all loans, loan guarantees, and other obligations and expenditures made by the Treasury Department under the bill. The bill provides \$25 million for the Special Inspector General and authorizes the position for five years.
 - **Congressional Oversight Commission:** The bill establishes a commission within the legislative branch to oversee stimulus spending by the Department of Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. The Commission will be tasked with evaluating issues such as the impact of loans, loan guarantees, and investments made under the bill on the United States people, economy, financial markets, and financial institutions. The Commission will be required to submit reports to Congress every 30 days.
 - **Pandemic Response Accountability Committee:** The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee will be made up of independent Inspectors General who will conduct and coordinate audits and investigations to provide accountability and identify waste, fraud, and abuse in spending under the Act

and the response to the coronavirus crisis. This provision will help ensure that Inspectors General have the authorities and funding necessary to conduct oversight, including access to documents and testimony from government officials and private sector entities. The bill requires extensive public reporting through [Oversight.gov](https://www.oversight.gov) on what the Inspectors General find during their oversight, and it requires agencies to report information about spending under the bill.

- **\$20 Million for Government Accountability Office:** The bill allocates \$20 million to enable the independent Government Accountability Office (GAO) to help Congress conduct oversight of the spending under this bill and other efforts to respond to the crisis. The bill provides GAO with the ability to conduct oversight and inspections of private entities receiving funding under the bill to protect against fraud.
- **In addition to measures we have in place, the Blue Dogs have called on Congress to do more to ensure every dollar goes to the right place. We have urged congressional leadership to include [the Blue Dog Coalition's four-point plan](#) to further strengthen oversight and protect our taxpayer dollars in the next round of pandemic response spending. That plan includes the following:**
 - **Congress should help prevent federal agencies from sending checks to dead people** by requiring them to make appropriate use of death data in order to curb improper payments to people who are no longer living.
 - **Congress should protect our Inspectors General (IGs) and federal whistleblowers** by giving IGs seven-year terms and prohibit partisan firing of IGs without cause, and prohibit retaliation against federal employees who file whistleblower complaints related to the use of coronavirus response funds.
 - **Congress should show taxpayers where their hard-earned money goes** by codifying the bipartisan *Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act*, which requires federal agencies to report on their federal program activities and provide that information to the Office of Management and Budget to be published online.
 - **Congress should shine a light on the Fed's actions** by narrowing exemptions from certain transparency measures that have been afforded to the Federal Reserve. Given that the Fed has authorized nearly \$6 trillion in economic support in response to the pandemic, the American people deserve to know how the Fed plans to use that money, and the full rationale and deliberations behind its decisions.

HOLDING CHINA ACCOUNTABLE

- When it comes to the Chinese Government, we shouldn't trust without verifying for ourselves first. This has also been a longstanding policy of the U.S. toward China.
- The Blue Dogs are now concerned that Republicans have attempted to make China a partisan issue. The reality is that if both parties allow U.S.-China policies to fall victim to partisan posturing, it will only weaken the United States' position as a global leader and cede ground to China. We cannot let that happen.
- The Blue Dogs strongly believe that Congress should hold the Chinese Communist Party to account for its reckless actions, while being careful not to take partisan actions and use partisan, overheated rhetoric that harms rather than helps advance our nation's security.
- That's why the Blue Dogs [sent a letter](#) to leadership calling on them to pursue bipartisan mechanisms to get to the bottom of this, so we can understand how to best move forward on our policies toward China. We have also [introduced](#) legislation requiring the U.S. government to identify, analyze, and combat efforts by the Chinese government to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic.

China was on our radar before the pandemic:

- The Blue Dog Coalition has backed several policies that hold China accountable for its actions against the United States, from meddling in our elections to fueling the opioid epidemic by funneling illicit Fentanyl into our streets.
 - **Election Security:**
 - Following the release of the Mueller report, the Blue Dogs put forward [a proposal](#) to secure our elections and deter future interference attempts by Russia and other adversaries, including China, Iran, and North Korea.
 - Specifically, the Coalition endorsed the *DETER Act*, which defines actions of foreign governments or agents acting on behalf of a foreign government that would illicit retaliation from the United States primarily through sanctions.
 - We also proposed a requirement that the Trump administration present Congress with a comprehensive strategy to prevent U.S. election interference by China, Iran, North Korea, or any other foreign state of significant concern.

- **Fentanyl Sanctions Act:**

- In last year's NDAA, we secured [hard-hitting sanctions](#) against drug manufacturers in China who knowingly funnel illicit Fentanyl—a deadly drug that is fueling the opioid epidemic and ravaging communities—into our streets. This has been signed into law.
- The House has also passed two different measures to sanction the Chinese Government over its human rights violations against the Uyghurs and citizens of Hong Kong. Both of these measures earned overwhelming bipartisan support and have been signed into law.

The Blue Dogs strongly believe that Congress should hold the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to account for its reckless actions, while being careful not to take partisan actions and use partisan, overheated rhetoric that harms rather than helps advance our nation's security:

- Leadership of both parties must make one thing clear to the world: it is the actions of the Chinese government—not the Chinese people—that are in question.
 - Through no fault of their own, the Chinese people suffered greatly at the hand of their government's actions to censor its own citizens and cover up a bungled response to the outbreak.
- The CCP—true to form—has refused to honestly acknowledge its central role in the emergence and spread of COVID-19.
- America cannot turn a blind eye to these reckless actions by the Chinese government in the midst of a global pandemic.
- **Congress must also ask why the Trump Administration removed a key position within China to monitor its actions and why President Trump publicly praised China for its response early on.**
 - In addition to evaluating actions of the CCP, Congress must also evaluate potential missteps by the United States government leading up to the COVID-19 outbreak in China.
 - Specifically, Congress must demand answers from the Trump Administration to explain why it eliminated a key Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) position in China—a position intended to monitor virus outbreaks because the U.S. has long understood that the CCP cannot be trusted—several months before the first case of COVID-19 was recorded in China.

If both parties allow U.S.-China policies to fall victim to partisan posturing, it will only weaken the United States' position as a global leader and cede ground to China.

- That's why the Blue Dogs sent [a letter](#) to leadership calling for the following:
 - Congress should establish a bipartisan Commission to assess our own country's preparation for and response to COVID-19, examine the Chinese government's many errors at the onset of the outbreak, and the United States' over-reliance on China for critical supplies.
 - Congress should support a federal inquiry into how the CCP might seek to exploit the epidemic to advance its foreign policy objectives to the detriment of the United States and our allies.
 - Congress should also prioritize coordination and evaluation of China policy through structures that have bipartisan support, either through a task force, a select committee or other means.
- In addition to the letter, the Blue Dogs also introduced the [Preventing China from Exploiting COVID-19 Act](#), which would require the U.S. government to identify, analyze, and combat efforts by the Chinese government to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Specifically, the bill requires the Director of National Intelligence—in coordination with the Secretaries of Defense, State, and Homeland Security—to prepare an assessment of the different ways in which the Chinese government has exploited or could exploit the pandemic, which originated in China, in order to advance China's interests and to undermine the interests of the United States, its allies, and the rules-based international order.

HOLDING RUSSIA ACCOUNTABLE

- The Blue Dogs have built a strong record of holding foreign adversaries, particularly Russia, accountable for their malign behavior.
- Putin is a thug and a bully. And the only way to deal with bullies is to stand up to them or they will keep pushing you around.
 - In the wake of the conclusions presented in Volume I of the Mueller report, the Blue Dog Coalition took the lead in Congress to call for a comprehensive, bipartisan effort to secure U.S. elections, hold Russia accountable for its

attempts to meddle in the 2016 and 2018 elections, and deter other adversaries from interfering in future elections.

- We raised the alarm by endorsing a package of legislative proposals that have earned bipartisan support in the House and Senate. Among the legislation endorsed by the Blue Dog Coalition was the Senate's bipartisan *Defending American Security from Kremlin Aggression (DASKA) Act of 2019*, which, among other things, would impose significant sanctions to deter Russia's destructive behavior.
- Following the publication of credible reports of a Russian plot to pay bounties to the Taliban to kill U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the Blue Dogs urged Congress to [take legislative action](#) by bringing the *DEFEND Act* and the *SMART Act* to the House floor for a vote in order to help protect our troops and hold Putin accountable.
 - The *DEFEND Act* would require the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to swiftly brief key Members of Congress if the DNI determines, with moderate or high confidence, that a foreign government is deliberately seeking to kill or severely injure U.S. servicemembers.
 - The *SMART Act* would require the U.S. Department of State to determine if the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism.
 - If the Administration won't take necessary action by themselves, Congress should. Our troops deserve better than to brush it under the rug and forget about it as just another news cycle.

NATIONAL DEBT

- **The U.S. now has an over \$26 trillion debt – a level this country has never seen before. That's more than \$80,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. And we're now facing almost \$3 trillion annual budget deficits.**
- **Once the current health and economic crisis subsides, it will be all the more incumbent on Congress to take action to get our fiscal house in order.**
- Members of the Democratic Caucus all agree that infrastructure, climate change, and health care are among the most urgent problems that need to be addressed—and we will have a healthy debate on how to create bipartisan solutions that can be

implemented in this era of divided government. **We need to address all of these issues in a fiscally responsible way that recognizes our nation's unprecedented level of debt.**

- **None of these priorities are mutually exclusive; we can walk and chew gum at the same time.**

PAYGO

The concept of bipartisan Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) rules is simple: Congress needs to pay for things. It prevents us from forcing our children and grandchildren to bear the burden of paying for the programs we like today.

- The least we can do is to prevent our debt from getting worse by abiding by PAYGO for legislation that does not pertain to the current national emergency we are facing.

Democrats have a history of achieving great things with PAYGO.

- In 2010, the Blue Dogs and Democratic leadership restored PAYGO rules to ensure the government doesn't spend beyond its means.
 - Under President Obama we were able to create major legislation that abided by PAYGO – for example, the Affordable Care Act.
- Under President Clinton, PAYGO helped turn historic deficits into a surplus – and we were able to pay down the debt for the first time in decades.
- PAYGO was actually born from progressive ideals – and it was the first legislative proposal President Obama sent to Congress when he became President.
 - PAYGO incentivizes the government to pursue a progressive tax code and instead of creating tax cuts for the wealthy, and then using that tactic as an excuse to go after important progressive gains including the ACA, Medicare, and Medicaid.
 - If PAYGO were abided by last Congress, Mitch McConnell would not have been able to use his tax cuts as an excuse to pursue cuts to the programs we depend on (i.e. Medicare and Medicaid).

PASSING A BUDGET

- **The first step to get our fiscal house in order is to spell out our priorities in a budget. Passing a budget is one of the most basic jobs of Congress.**
 - The American people expect us to pass a budget because that's our job.
 - Any small business owner seeking financing from a bank must have a business plan that shows how the business will operate. It should be no different for Congress.
- **It's ridiculous that Congress is one of the few places on earth where you can get paid for NOT doing your job. That's why the Blue Dogs support the [No Budget, No Pay Act](#).**
 - **It's simple. If Congress doesn't do its job of passing a budget and all funding bills and do it on time, Congress doesn't get paid.**

PREVENTING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

- The Blue Dogs backed [a bill](#) that, in the event of another government shutdown, would require the government to submit daily reports during future shutdowns highlighting the economic impacts.
- There is no good reason to shut down the government of the greatest nation on Earth. States do not do this—nor do counties and cities.
- The Blue Dogs will do everything they can to ensure we never see another government shutdown again.
 - That starts with creating incentives to prevent leaders from even considering shutting down the government. One of the best deterrents for this is transparency.
 - The American people deserve to know exactly how this partisan gridlock damages our country, and they deserve to be updated on a daily basis should anyone decide to do this again.
- Congress has become too reliant on short-term continuing resolutions (CRs) to avoid a government shutdown.

- These stop-gap CRs create financial uncertainty for hundreds of thousands of federal workers and an even larger number of Americans who depend on the services they provide.
- Moreover, our military leaders have warned Congress that lurching from CR to CR is detrimental to our troops and dangerous for our national security. Our armed forces depend on predictable budgeting to make reliable investments in technology and training that empower our men and women in uniform to combat growing threats around the globe.
- That's why, in addition to No Budget, No Pay, the Blue Dogs support the [Funding Deadline Enforcement Act](#), which would force Congress to pass all appropriations bills on time instead of relying on temporary Continuing Resolutions (CRs).
 - Specifically, the bill would prevent House and Senate members from using official Congressional funds to travel if they miss the annual October 1 deadline to send all appropriations bills to the President's desk for a signature. Instead, Congress would be forced to remain in session until they reach a new, full-year funding agreement for the fiscal year in question.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

- The Blue Dog Coalition supports a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) that accommodates for times of national emergencies such as the current one, because we need to have a serious conversation in Washington about how we can address our nation's ever-growing debt once the current economic crisis is over. It's obvious that the only way Congress will ever be able to produce a balanced budget is if it is required to do so by law.
- **The policy objective** of this BBA is to ultimately make it harder for policymakers to sacrifice the long-term stability of our economy or to compromise our children's future for the sake of short-term gain. We've got to break this habit.
 - If the federal government is going to spend more than it receives, that decision should be taken in a deliberate and bipartisan fashion — and not merely because it is politically expedient.
 - We firmly believe that the only way Congress will be able to get to a balanced budget is to require it to do so by law.

- **The broader goal** of introducing and supporting this legislation is to spur an honest conversation in Washington and across the country about the consequences — for our economy and our national security — of piling deficit upon deficit.
 - We need to be fiscally sound so that our nation has resources that are necessary to address a future economic crisis or for when we may have to go to war.
- Unlike other Republican BBAs, the Blue Dog BBA:
 - **Offers more protection:** Protects Social Security and Medicare.
 - **Is more flexible:** Gives more flexibility to lawmakers to determine the best path to bring receipts and outlays into balance.
 - **Takes a more pragmatic approach:** It's more realistic by accounting for times when our nation may be engaged in a military conflict or an economic downturn.
 - The bill authorizes an exception to the balanced budget requirement when Congress declares war, when GDP does not grow for two consecutive quarters, or when unemployment exceeds seven percent for two straight months.
 - Additionally, a supermajority of the House and Senate may vote to authorize outlays to exceed receipts.
- **Similar to other BBAs, the Blue Dog BBA** generally prohibits the federal government from spending more than it receives in a fiscal year. The prohibition would take effect five years after ratification, to allow for a smooth transition period.

The Blue Dog Coalition is the only group that is talking about the debt:

- As *the Washington Post* [reported](#), the Blue Dogs have been the only consistent group on this issue over the years. And we've already made progress by protecting PAYGO, bipartisan rules that require Congress to pay for new priorities.
- It seems like the loudest voices in both parties are casting this problem aside:
 - President Trump has not mentioned the national debt in any of his State of the Union addresses. He signed a tax bill into law that will cost our country \$1.9 trillion. That's wrong.
 - Some of members of the far left believe that we can continuously run large deficits without consequence. That's also wrong.

- **Bottom line: If it sounds too good to be true from either Party – that’s because it is.**
- **We cannot use the Republican Party’s hypocritical behavior as an excuse to ignore this problem.** Because the Republican Party has become completely irresponsible when it comes to addressing our nation’s fiscal state, it is more necessary than ever that the Democratic Party embrace fiscal responsibility.
- **Now is the time for Democrats to uphold our promise to the American people and stand up for responsible governance, including fiscal responsibility.** Our children and grandchildren are counting on us to ensure they will not be burdened by reckless decisions of the past.

BLUEPRINT FOR FISCAL REFORM

- It’s clear that, once the current economic and health crisis is over, Congress will need to take action to get its fiscal house in order. The [*Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform*](#) outlines an extensive list of priorities that help reduce our budget deficits and begin to bring down our national debt.
- In a time when it seems like no one in Congress wants to talk about how we can get our nation out of this fiscal mess, the Blue Dog Coalition has continued to be the voice of fiscal responsibility by putting forward several concrete policy solutions, including the bipartisan [*Pay-As-You-Go \(PAYGO\) rule*](#), the [*No Budget, No Pay Act*](#), a [*Balanced Budget Amendment*](#), the [*Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act*](#), the [*TRUST Act*](#), the [*Sustainable Budget Act*](#), and the [*Funding Deadline Enforcement Act*](#).
- **The Blue Dog Coalition’s Blueprint for Fiscal Reform calls on Congress to do the following:**
 - **Require a balanced budget;**
 - **Return to regular order and pass a budget and all appropriations bills on time;**
 - **Adhere to the letter and spirit of the bipartisan Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) rule;**
 - **Increase oversight on how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars;**
 - **Set aside a Rainy-Day Fund;**
 - **Require all legislation to receive a nonpartisan cost estimate and ensure Congress has ample time to review all legislation prior to a floor vote;**
 - **And end the practice of partisan, short-term tax policy.**

RURAL BROADBAND

- Early on, the Blue Dog Coalition [called for](#) an infrastructure bill to include the expansion of high-speed broadband internet access.
- It is clear in today's digital and knowledge-based economy that the internet is as essential to attaining a good quality life as other utilities we use in our daily lives, such as telephones, electricity, roads, water, and sewer services.
- For communities that lack access to broadband internet, it affects the ability of their businesses to access domestic and international markets; it prevents families from receiving primary health care remotely through telehealth medicine, and it prevents students from attaining a more affordable education online.
- Throughout our history, both Republicans and Democrats have recognized that innovation spurs the need to expand new infrastructure to rural America, which has allowed our country to remain at the cutting edge of international competition.
 - FDR established the Rural Electrification Administration that delivered electricity to all corners of our nation.
 - Dwight Eisenhower created the national interstate highway system that connects our coasts today.
- Our nation has reached another crossroad where innovation requires the expansion of a new form of infrastructure: high-speed broadband internet.

SUPPORTING A TWO-STATE SOLUTION AND OPPOSING THE GLOBAL BDS MOVEMENT

- The Blue Dogs strongly supported House passage of a bipartisan resolution upholding a two-state solution and opposing the global BDS movement.
- A strong U.S.-Israel alliance is essential to our shared security interests, it upholds our shared values, and it maintains our deep historical connection.
- The overwhelming bipartisan support for this resolution demonstrates the United States Congress' unwavering support for a two-state solution as way to justly resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and deliver peace to the region.

- It also demonstrates strong opposition to the global BDS movement, which delegitimizes the state of Israel and pushes peace for both Israelis and Palestinians further out of reach.

REDISTRICTING REFORM

- In the wake of the Supreme Court decision in the cases of *Rucho v. Common Cause* and *Lamone v. Benisek*, the Blue Dog Coalition [endorsed legislation](#) to stop partisan gerrymandering and to expose the secret congressional redistricting process to all Americans.
- The truth is that both parties are guilty of abusing the system, and in order to fix it, we need to get politics out of the redistricting process.
 - The first bill is the *John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act*, which requires each state to establish an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission to redraw congressional district lines once every 10 years that reflect contiguous communities. These districts would replace gerrymandered districts that protect partisan seats.
 - The second bill is the *Redistricting Transparency Act of 2019*, which would require states to publicize redistricting information online, including the data used in the process, details of the process, proposed maps and public hearing dates. It also would require that the public be allowed to comment before maps receive final approval.
- Voters ought to be able to choose their elected officials—not the other way around. The redistricting process is rigged, and we need to fix it.

HEALTH CARE

- There is no doubt that our health care system is broken, and Congress has an obligation to work together to pass bipartisan, comprehensive legislation that stabilizes the insurance markets and brings down costs for patients.
- The Blue Dog Coalition put forward a [set of priorities](#) that put politics aside and provide a roadmap for Congress to solve real, and sometimes life-threatening problems for Americans across the country.

- **The Blue Dogs are focused on bipartisan solutions that can be implemented tomorrow—not 20 years from now.** The Blue Dogs are committed to finding bipartisan solutions that will last rather than partisan solutions that will be undone by the other political party once they attain power.
- Americans deserve peace of mind that the policies we implement to protect their access to care will be sustainable rather than a potential victim of partisan politics.
- **The Blue Dog priorities put forward policy solutions that do the following:**
 - **Protect and improve the Affordable Care Act and stabilize the health insurance marketplace;**
 - **Reduce health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket health care costs;**
 - **Increase access to quality health care in rural and underserved communities;**
 - **Lower the cost of prescription drugs;**
 - **And combat the Opioid crisis.**
- In addition to these priorities, the Blue Dogs have also backed measures to [address the physician shortages](#) and deliver much-needed [mental health resources](#) in rural communities.

DRUG PRICING

- The Blue Dogs are always looking for a solution that shows promise of getting past the House and the Senate and to the President’s desk. Because they are looking for a solution that can get implemented today – not in 10 or 20 years.
- That’s why, in addition to H.R. 3, Blue Dog Coalition endorsed and [called on Congress](#) to take up a series of additional prescription drug pricing bills that, if taken up individually, could pass a Democratic-led House and a Republican-led Senate.
- The House has passed several of these bills. It’s that kind of legislation – bipartisan legislation – that stands a chance of passing a Republican-led Senate. We hope that the Senate will take up these bills when they pass the House with bipartisan support.
 - Those bills are the following:
 - H.R. 938, *BLOCKING Act*, which increases competition in the generic drug market,
 - H.R. 1781 the *Payment Commission Act of 2019*, which increases transparency in the drug pricing system,

- And H.R. 2115, the *Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts Act*, which would require Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to report their aggregate rebates, discounts, and other price concessions for prescription drugs to a public website.

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