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Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman
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Markup of H.R. 903, H.R. 1745, H.R. 3199, H.R. 5710, H.R. 5756,
H.R. 2923, H.R. 3470, and H.R. 5809
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Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for holding this markup today. And I would like to thank you and Ranking Members Barton and Shimkus for developing bipartisan support for this set of important public health bills.

The bills before us today address a wide range of public health issues. They will help grow the capacity of America's healthcare providers by augmenting provider training on autism, creating emergency medical training for returning veterans, supporting dentists as emergency responders, addressing high infant mortality rates, and offering liability protection for professionals volunteering at community health centers. And they will strengthen state programs that monitor prescription drug use to decrease diversion and abuse, and create systems for the safe disposal of unneeded prescription drugs.

Majority and minority staff have worked together, along with each bill's sponsors, to reach agreement on each bill and on any necessary changes.

I look forward to continuing in this spirit as we work together on more public health issues this fall.