



NOVEMBER DISTRICT WORK PERIOD 2019

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A NOTE FROM CHAIRWOMAN CHENEY

Colleagues,

We are heading home for another recess with an even longer list of pressing issues that are simply not being addressed because of the Democrats' obsession with impeachment.

Speaker Pelosi, Chairman Schiff, and House Democrats have put their partisan impeachment obsession in front of our national security, the passage of the USMCA, and bipartisan prescription drug reform, just to name a few of the important issues Democrats refuse to tackle. Additionally, at a moment when the nation faces grave, ongoing threats, they have completely handicapped the Intelligence Committee, which is arguably the single most important committee when it comes to our oversight and the national security of this nation. Instead, members of the committee are focused on a partisan impeachment.

Last week, the Democrats attempted the impossible by trying to fix their fundamentally tainted impeachment effort, but their deliberate secrecy has already left the process irrevocably broken. President Trump has had no rights inside these hearings, his counsel has not been able to be present, Chairman Schiff has told witnesses not to answer questions that our members were asking, and there have even been circumstances where our members have attempted to go read transcripts and they've been prohibited by staff members. Despite what Nancy Pelosi and her leadership team say, no vote can go back and fix what has been a fundamentally tainted, partisan, and unfair process.

While home, it is incumbent upon us to discuss the important issues Democrats have refused to address. They may want to distract the nation with partisan impeachment games, but we will continue to talk about the work that needs to be done for our constituents and all Americans.

Please let us know if you have any questions and I hope you have a productive recess. As always, we will keep you updated on developments from DC.

Sincerely,

Liz



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VETERANS DAY

best practices

Participate in the Veterans History Project

- The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Ranking Member **Phil Roe (TN-01)** challenge each office to interview and feature at least one veteran from their district prior to Veterans Day as part of the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress.

- See more details from Dr. Roe's office [here](#).
- View this [presentation](#), courtesy of **Liz Cheney (WY-AL)**, to see how her office contributes to the Veterans History Project.
- Introductory information from the Library of Congress can be found [here](#).

Request Veterans List from the Department of Defense

- This is also a great time to request lists of Veterans in your district if you have not already. [Instructions here](#), courtesy of Leader McCarthy's office. Note that it can take up to 6 months to receive this list, so it's a good idea to go ahead and request an update even if you have done so recently.

Host a Pinning Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans

- **Dan Newhouse (WA-04)** and **Daniel Webster (FL-11)** both host a series of pinning ceremonies for Vietnam-era veterans and their families to recognize their service to our country. The Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration can provide pins to your office for this event. You can view more details from Congressman Webster's office [here](#), and from Congressman Newhouse's office [here](#), as well as a [copy of the certificate](#) presented to each veteran or family.

Increase Veteran Outreach

- Great events highlighted in previous district work period packets that focus on Veterans outreach
 - **Anthony Gonzalez (OH-16)** hosts a Veterans Resource Tour. Their office provided a best [practice form](#), franked mailer [front](#) and [back](#), and [flyer](#).
 - **Phil Roe (TN-01)** engages veteran through targeted [town halls](#).
 - **Bill Johnson (OH-06)** participates in volunteer work with Veterans through [Veteran Services Hours](#).



VETERANS DAY

best practices

Create Digital Advertisements for Veterans

- Below are examples from three offices of good digital advertisements for Veteran casework.

Bryan Steil (WI-01)

Congressman Bryan Steil
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All gave some; some gave all. I'm fighting for our veterans. Like my page for updates.

Congressman Bryan Steil
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Richard Hudson (NC-08)

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Richard Hudson
Congressman Hudson represents North Carolina's 8th...

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Like Comment Share

Daniel Webster (FL-11)

Congressman Daniel Webster shared a link.
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Please contact my office. I might... [Contact Us](#)

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THE FACTS ON IMPEACHMENT

Democrats impeachment investigation is not focused on the facts. It's not about a phone call, or The Constitution, or what is best for the country. Instead, it is about the fact that they can't accept the results of the 2016 election, and want to nullify the voices of 63 million Americans and remove a duly elected President from office one year before the public has a chance to weigh-in. That central point can be proven by remembering the below information:

Congress Is Not Working on Key Issues:

House Democrats obsession with impeachment is preventing Congress from addressing the issues that matter most to the American people and the country:

- They've delayed the passage of USMCA, which would create jobs and strengthen America.
- They're refusing to work across the aisle on bipartisan legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs.
- They're not working on funding the military or giving our troops the pay raise they deserve.
- They've turned the Intel Committee into the Impeachment Committee, instead of focusing their work on the global threats America faces.
- They're not focused on addressing the border security crisis, which affects America's safety.

Democrats' Process Is Unfair:

The vote on H.Res. 660 was an admission that Democrats have denied members of Congress and the American people information about their secret impeachment effort. Not only has their tainted process been irrevocably broken, but their new resolution still denies the minority and the President fairness and transparency:

- They've prevented members of Congress who represent more than 230,000,000 Americans from seeing any material related to their impeachment investigation.
- Throughout the process, Democrats have had complete control. Republicans have not been able to subpoena witnesses and Democrats can nullify any witnesses that the minority wants to subpoena.
- They have not allowed the President's Counsel to participate in any of the proceedings, and have given Chairman Schiff and Chairman Nadler the ability to unilaterally deny any request from the President.

The Fundamental Facts Have Not Changed:

[As the leading Republican on the House Oversight Committee, Rep. Jim Jordan](#), has stressed repeatedly, the facts of what we know about this case have not changed:

- We have the transcript of the call and know exactly what was said.
- The Ukrainian President said that he was never pressured.
- The Ukrainians did not know the aid had been held up at the time of the call.
- The Ukrainians did not have to do anything or take any action to allow the aid to flow to them.

The above information shows how this entire endeavor isn't about the truth or the country's best interest. Instead, it's a purely political effort by the Democrats because they don't like this President and are worried, in the words of Rep. Al Green, that "if we don't impeach this President, he will get re-elected."



Letter To Speaker Pelosi Calling For Immediate Release Of Impeachment Transcripts

Following [the House's passage](#) of [H. Res. 660](#) yesterday, please see below for a template of a letter that can be sent to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi that calls on her to release **all** transcripts of the depositions related to the impeachment inquiry, and states that members of the House need to be given the opportunity to review unredacted copies of the depositions in accordance with the House Rules.

We'd encourage offices to sign and send this letter to Speaker Pelosi, and then inform press and share on social media.

You can [download a word document of the letter here](#), and the suggested text is below:

November 1, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Despite the vote in the House on October 31, House Democrats continue to conduct the partisan effort to impeach the President in secret. Your duty to the Constitution and the American people, as well as fundamental fairness, requires that you immediately release the full transcripts of all depositions taken since you pronounced the beginning of an impeachment inquiry on September 24, 2019.

The selective leaking in which the House Intelligence Committee has been engaged must end immediately and the full and complete record must be provided for the American people to see.

In addition, to the extent that you make any redactions in any of the transcripts, all Members of the House must be supplied copies of the full and unredacted transcripts, as provided for in House Rule XI, Clause 2(e)(2)(A).

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

CC: Chairman Adam Schiff



BIPARTISAN OPPOSITION TO IMPEACHMENT

100% of Republicans voted against Nancy Pelosi's sham impeachment resolution, two Democrats broke ranks to join GOP in voting no



House Democrats have voted to formally endorse Speaker Pelosi's secretive, partisan, behind-closed-doors impeachment inquiry. After a month of selectively leaking, interfering with witnesses, and denying 75% of voting Members of Congress access to his Soviet-style proceedings, Chairman Schiff failed to secure a single Republican vote for his ongoing harassment of President Trump.

Thursday's vote was the first fully partisan impeachment inquiry authorization in modern history, with all Republicans voting NO and two Democrats joining in opposition.

America's Founding Fathers anticipated this partisan travesty. In 1788, Alexander Hamilton warned, "there will always be the greatest danger that the [impeachment] decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties, than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt."

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO MEET THEIR OWN STANDARD ON IMPEACHMENT

"Impeachment is so divisive to the country that unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and **bipartisan**, I don't think we should go down that path, because it divides the country." —**SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI**

"If the evidence isn't sufficient to win **bipartisan** support for this, putting the country through a failed impeachment isn't a good idea." —**CHAIRMAN ADAM SCHIFF**

"No impeachment should proceed without **bipartisan** support." —**CHAIRMAN JERRY NADLER**



How Does the Resolution to Authorize Impeachment Proceeding Against President Trump Compare?

The Democrats custom design an unprecedented impeachment process

- H. Res. 660 is designed to give the Democrats' so-called "impeachment inquiry" the veneer of legitimacy. The resolution is a tool to entrench the one-sided, partisan process that Speaker Pelosi announced more than a month ago.
- Until a resolution authorizing an impeachment inquiry is adopted, the House is not and has not been conducting a legitimate impeachment inquiry.
- In 1974, the Democrat Judiciary Chairman presiding over the Nixon impeachment explained that passing a resolution authorizing an inquiry is "a necessary step if we are to meet our obligations [under the Constitution]."
- The Ranking Member affirmed the bipartisan resolution, stating "the rule of the House defining the jurisdiction of committees does not place jurisdiction over impeachment matters in the Judiciary Committee. In fact, it does not place such jurisdiction anywhere."

Retroactively codifying illegitimate processes

- Clinton/Nixon: During the Clinton and Nixon impeachment proceedings, the House voted on and approved a bipartisan resolution to initiate an impeachment investigation.
- Trump: The Democrats' resolution directs each of six different committees to "continue their ongoing investigations" in an attempt to codify Speaker Pelosi's unilateral announcement of an impeachment inquiry.

Built-in advantages for the majority

- Clinton/Nixon: During the Clinton and Nixon impeachment proceedings, bipartisan agreement was required throughout the process.
- Trump: The Democrats' maintain complete control and discretion throughout the process. The Democrats rejected any bipartisan coordination.

How Does the Resolution to Authorize Impeachment Proceeding Against President Trump Compare?

Democrats have predetermined the outcome of the investigations

- Clinton: In the Clinton impeachment process, the House initiated impeachment at the conclusion of an independent counsel investigation.
- Trump: This resolution anticipates the outcome of the congressional investigations will warrant the further authorization for the Judiciary Committee to recommend articles of impeachment.
 - This resolution simultaneously authorizes HPSCI with other committees to investigate impeachment at the same time it authorizes Judiciary to investigate and recommend articles of impeachment.
 - *Further: The Democrats have falsely equated the Schiff investigation with an independent counsel investigation.*
 - Chairman Schiff's process differs wildly from an independent counsel process.
 - Independent counsel investigations are inherently nonpartisan, independent, and structured by existing rules and expectations.
 - Chairman Schiff is inherently partisan, has fabricated evidence, and makes up the rules as he goes.

How Does the Resolution to Authorize Impeachment Proceeding Against President Trump Compare?

The Democrats discard precedent in order to violate President Trump's rights

- Clinton/Nixon: During the Clinton and Nixon impeachment proceedings, President Clinton's counsel was invited to attend all hearings, including those taking place in executive session.
 - *Further*: President Clinton's counsel was given the right to question any witnesses called before the committee, submit written requests for additional testimony and witnesses, and respond to testimony and evidence received by the committee.
- Trump: The Democrats' resolution creates a bifurcated process wherein President Trump has no rights at all until the conclusion of Chairman Schiff's partisan, unfair, and secret proceedings in the Capitol basement.
 - *Further*: Once the Judiciary Committee begins its impeachment work, Chairman Nadler has unilateral authority to deny any request from the President.
 - Chairman Nadler is explicitly authorized to exclude the President's counsel from the proceedings if he decides the President is refusing to cooperate with Congressional requests.
 - The Democrats have already portrayed any attempt by the President to assert his rights under the Constitution as obstruction of their inquiry.
 - There is no reason to believe that Chairman Nadler will fairly exercise this power that did not exist for the Nixon and Clinton impeachment proceedings.

How Does the Resolution to Authorize Impeachment Proceeding Against President Trump Compare?

The Democrat Majority rejects precedent for coequal authority

Unprecedented Authority for the Chairman

- Clinton/Nixon: During the Clinton and Nixon impeachment proceedings, either the chair or the ranking member could object to a proposed subpoena and require the full committee to vote on its issuance.
- Trump: Under the Democrats' resolution, the Democrat chairmen may unilaterally issue subpoenas with no check—no public debate—about them, while the chairmen can force a debate and vote on every subpoena proposed by the ranking member.
 - *Further*: Six Democrat chairs—each of whom have unilateral subpoena authority—are directed to continue the “ongoing investigations,” but only two Republican ranking members have any semblance of subpoena authority.

Unprecedented Restrictions on Authority of the Ranking Member

- Clinton/Nixon: During the Clinton and Nixon impeachment proceedings, the Democrat ranking member could request witnesses at any time.
- Trump: Under the Democrats' resolution, the Republican ranking member on HPSCI must submit all requests for witnesses within 72 hours of the notice of the first hearing, regardless of how many subsequent hearings are scheduled.
 - *Further*: The ranking member must provide a detailed written justification of the relevance of the testimony. No such requirement is imposed on the Democrat Chairman.

Myth/Fact Document Courtesy Of Republicans On The House Judiciary Committee

MYTH:

The Democrats' resolution will eliminate the secrecy behind their current impeachment proceedings.

FACT:

- *This resolution does nothing to eliminate the secret depositions or to require that all of HPSCI's alleged evidence be published for the American people to judge for themselves.*
 - *Instead, the resolution:*
 - o *Gives Chairman Schiff the authority to continue his secret hearings without the opportunity for the President's counsel to attend, question, or request evidence be admitted.*
 - o *Requires Chairman Schiff to have one open hearing with a witness of his choice, again, without the opportunity for the President's counsel to attend, question, or request evidence be admitted.*
 - o *Allows Chairman Schiff to pick and choose what evidence he believes the American people and the Judiciary Committee need to see to draw conclusions on impeachment.*
 - o *Extends to Chairman Schiff the power to do things he can already do, like hold public hearings, release deposition transcripts, and create a report.*
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MYTH:

This resolution affords the President procedural protections throughout the impeachment process.

FACT:

- *Democrats have bifurcated the impeachment process, allowing one committee—HPSCI—to control the narrative by conducting its proceedings in the shadows while forcing another committee—Judiciary—to vote on articles it has not investigated.*
- *In the McGovern Procedures inserted in the Congressional Record pursuant to the Democrats' resolution, the President and his counsel are afforded protections throughout Judiciary Committee proceedings, but not during the ongoing HPSCI investigations.*
- *This is especially concerning given that Chairman Schiff is not required to turn over to the Judiciary Committee all materials acquired by HPSCI during its investigation. This leaves the President and his counsel unable to review all the evidence submitted, to question all witnesses, or to object to certain evidence. The President and the Judiciary Committee will only be able to consider evidence that Chairman Schiff decides to transmit.*

- *While the procedures adopted by the Rules Committee on behalf of the Judiciary Committee include similar protections for the President as were adopted during the impeachment proceedings for Presidents Nixon and Clinton, those same protections do not extend to the entire impeachment investigation as they did in the past.*
- *Finally, the McGovern Procedures—unlike those adopted in the Clinton and Nixon impeachments—allow Chairman Nadler to unilaterally eliminate any of the protections afforded to the President if he perceives the President to be uncooperative. with the investigation.*

MYTH:

Chairman Schiff and HPSCI are acting as Kenneth Starr did in 1998 by conducting hearings and interviews behind closed doors. Further, in 1998, the Judiciary Committee did not adopt procedural protections or hold public hearings until one month after receiving the Starr report.

FACT:

- *If Chairman Schiff wants to act as an independent counsel, he should be prepared to testify before the Judiciary Committee regarding his findings, just as Kenneth Starr did in 1998. Instead, the McGovern Procedures permit Schiff to send a staffer to testify.*
- *In 1998, at the request of Democrats, the Judiciary Committee did not immediately hold open hearings on the Starr report in order to allow Committee staff and members to review the report thoroughly and to decide what should be released publicly and pursuant to a resolution passed by the full House.*
- *Chairman Schiff's closed-door hearings are nothing like the Judiciary Committee's House sanctioned review of the Starr report prior to formalizing an impeachment inquiry. Chairman Schiff is choosing to operate as judge, counsel, and jury by adopting favorable facts to pass along to the Judiciary Committee and the American people and by disallowing witnesses to answer certain questions posed by Republicans.*

CHARGE → Some Democrats have said it is “worth it” to lose new cures – the development of new drugs – to pass the Pelosi drug pricing scheme for the billions it will bring in savings to Medicare.

RESPONSE → Losing one new cure is one too many. **Losing up to 15 new cures, a low estimate, is unacceptable.** In today’s innovation cycle, less than 10% of drugs get approved, Pelosi’s bill makes it objectively harder to get new cures to Americans.

CHARGE → The military negotiates, the VA negotiates, the federal government ought to be able to negotiate to bring down drug prices for the American people.

RESPONSE → “Negotiations” is not the right word. This is government bullying and it’s anti-American. This is how it works... let’s say a company is selling a drug, well the government official can come in and tell them we’re only going to pay you \$50. If you don’t comply, the government official can tax your revenue at 65% and that keeps going up until you get to a 95% tax. Some negotiation, **this is simply a tax. A 95% tax on new cures.**

CHARGE → What works for veterans will work for Medicare. The Veterans Health Administration can negotiate drug prices, the government can too for Medicare Part D drug plans.

RESPONSE → These are not comparable. The Medicare population is 44 million people, while the VA is just 9 million (and only two-thirds obtain a prescription medication from the VA) with a limited formulary. More importantly, if a veteran needs a medication – that is not on the formulary list – they must seek a waiver to get access to that drug. **In Pelosi’s plan, forget lists or waivers, the drug may simply not exist.**

CHARGE → The Pelosi plan will save taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars and those savings can be reinvested in the search for new cures.

RESPONSE → It is a simple fact that the National Institute of Health’s (NIH) primary mission is to **support basic research—not drug innovation.** In fact, from 2010—2016 NIH contributed research to every one of the 210 new drugs, but 90% of the funding was on basic research.

Top Line Message

- Americans pay too much for health care, including the cost of prescription drugs; that's why Republicans will continue to fight for lower prices at the drug counter. We will continue to champion solutions that promote competition, lower out-of-pocket costs, and strengthen transparency and accountability in drug pricing. We can solve this problem; we have bipartisan solutions at the ready.

Bipartisan Proposals

Walden Substitute Amendment to H.R. 3 at House Energy and Commerce Markup included bipartisan policies that have either moved through E&C or that Republicans and Democrats were working on together in a good faith effort. This amendment isn't trying to be an apples-to-apples swap for the Speaker's partisan scheme. In fact, there are policies beyond this amendment that Members could debate and find agreement. But this amendment is a collection of good, bipartisan policies on which we know we can reach agreement – policies that would help patients and lower drug price – and most importantly, can quickly become law.

- **CREATES Act** – prevents pharmaceutical manufacturers withholding samples of their drugs to delay patients' access to generic competition.
- **Pay for Delay** – makes it illegal for brand-name and generic drug manufacturers to enter into agreements in which the brand-name drug manufacturer pays the generic manufacturer to keep a generic equivalent off the market.
- **BLOCKING Act** – discourages parking of 180-day exclusivity by a first generic applicant which delays consumer access to lower-cost alternatives.
- **Full Modernization of Part D** – a policy that reworks the prescription drug benefit for seniors in a way that drives down list prices and makes drugs more affordable. This includes—for the first-time ever—a cap on seniors' annual out of pocket costs for drugs. The policy is based on productive, [bipartisan negotiations](#) that were underway prior to Speaker Pelosi, once again, putting #PoliticsOverProgress
- **And more...**

H.R. 2700, the Lowering Prescription Drug Costs and Extending Community Health Centers and Other Public Health Priorities Act. H.R. 2700, represented an alternative to the Democrats' [partisan H.R. 987](#), which packaged previously bipartisan drug pricing bills with partisan Obamacare bailout provisions. H.R. 2700 includes the bipartisan drug pricing provisions that were reported out of E&C, but replaces the Democrats partisan provisions with language extending funding for community health centers, the national health service corps, and other public health extenders for one year. The drug pricing provisions included the CREATES Act, Pay for Delay, and the BLOCKING Act.

Motion to Recommit on H.R. 987. [The MTR](#) included the same bipartisan drug pricing provisions as above but directed the savings from the drug pricing provisions to the NIH Innovation Fund to support childhood cancer research ([vote](#))

H.R. 1503, the Orange Book Transparency Act ([vote](#)) and **H.R. 1520, the Purple Book Continuity Act** ([vote](#)), both increase access to [lower cost generic drugs](#) and [bolster competition in the marketplace](#).

Republicans have **previously taken a number of steps** to spur innovation and increase competition – advancing key priorities that are now law, including the [21st Century Cures Act](#), and a reauthorization of the generic drug user fee program in the [FDA Reauthorization Act](#). And it is already working – last year FDA approved [a record number of generic drugs](#), driving competition and giving consumers more choices, notably including the [first generic version](#) of the EpiPen.

Top Line Message

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- We will continue to champion solutions that promote competition, lower out-of-pocket costs, and strengthen transparency and accountability in drug pricing.
- We can solve this problem; we have bipartisan solutions at the ready. But instead, Speaker Pelosi is leading Democrats down a path that puts politics over progress, partisan ploys over people.
- From impeachment on down, Speaker Pelosi's pure partisan politics has engulfed Capitol Hill and is preventing us from getting things done for the American people, including lowering the cost of prescription drugs.
- The Pelosi scheme tossed aside bipartisan efforts to lower drug prices in favor of a big government, socialist proposal. It did not have to be this way.

Pelosi's Drug Pricing Scheme

- The Pelosi scheme will result in up to **15 fewer cures – 15 new drugs lost** – over the next 10 years.
- In today's innovation cycle, only 10% of drugs entering clinical trial get approved. Eliminating just one new drug is one drug too many – what if one of those news drugs is a cure to Alzheimer's, Sickle Cell, Cancer, ALS?
- Further, the Pelosi scheme creates up to a **95% tax on cures**, which will stifle innovation, and limit access to prescription drugs for both patients and seniors.
- **Bottom line:** the Pelosi scheme will chill investment in the research and development of new treatments and cures for patients.

What We've Done

- We have proven when we work together, we can find common ground to reform the drug industry, create more choice, and bring down costs for Americans.
- The **21st Century Cures Act** was an innovation game-changer for medical research that also sped up access to treatments; and, the **FDA Reauthorization Act** which led to a record number of generic drug (copies of brand name drugs) approvals including the **first generic version of the EpiPen**.
- This Congress, Republicans have voted to **remove barriers to generic drugs entering the market**—including the CREATES Act, the BLOCKING Act, and Pay-for-Delay. This bipartisan legislation would stop pharmaceutical companies from gaming the system and preventing competition.
- There is much that we've already done and can continue to be done to lower drug prices, but Republicans have concerns with proposals that will not help the American people. That always has to be the goal. Proposals that represent extreme cost controls and reckless government intervention will hurt the development of treatments that save money and – more importantly – lives.



H.R. 3 FAST FACTS

Government Price-Setting:

- o The Secretary of HHS would identify a minimum of 35 and a maximum of 250 brand-name drugs that lack price competition and have the greatest cost to Medicare and the U.S. health system to be subject to government “negotiation.”
- o Once a drug is selected, it would remain subject to the price set until it faced competition.
- o The Secretary would “negotiate” the price by setting a maximum price for the drug. The legislation sets the maximum price at no more than 1.2 times (or 120 percent) of the volume-weighted average of the drug’s price of six countries (Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom), known as the Average International Market (AIM) price.
- o The government set price would apply to Medicare, Medicaid, and the commercial market.
- o If a manufacturer refuses to negotiate, the manufacturer would be assessed an escalating excise tax levied on the manufacturer’s annual gross sales – starting at 65 percent and increasing by 10 percent every quarter the manufacturer is out of compliance, to a maximum of 95 percent. If the excise tax was charged separately by the manufacturer, then the tax due on a \$100 drug would be as much as \$1,900.
- o This penalty is so large that it would either force the manufacturer to participate or cause the manufacturer to stop selling the drug in America.
- o In addition to setting the price for select drugs, the legislation would limit the price of all drugs in Medicare Parts B and D from increasing faster than inflation each year.

Part D Redesign:

- o The bill also changes the structure of the Medicare prescription drug benefit and adds an out-of-pocket cap on seniors’ prescription drug costs.
- o Unfortunately the policies in H.R. 3 put such a heavy burden on drug manufacturers that it could actually increase drug costs and alter the incentives for developing the most innovative cures. It is a shame Democrats have abandoned bipartisan efforts to modernize the way seniors get their medicine in favor of their radical agenda.

Spending the Savings:

- o Democrats intend to spend the H.R. 3 savings on entitlement expansions, not lowering out-of-pocket spending for Americans. These benefits are already accessible through Medicare Advantage. Given that Medicare is going broke in seven years, it’s irresponsible to expand the program’s liabilities without strengthening it for those in or near retirement.

BOTTOM LINE: In their radical legislation, **House Democrats** are seeking to make **drastic changes to our health care system** that would result in **fewer cures and less innovation.**

What You Need To Know | Job Growth Blows Past Expectations in October

GREAT NEWS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

- An incredible 128,000 jobs were created in October, blowing past median expectations of 85,000.
- Job growth surpassed expectations by more than 40,000.
- Average job growth in the past 12 months is a strong 174,400 jobs per month.
 - More than 6.7 million jobs have been created since President Trump's election.
- More jobs have been created since his election than the entire combined populations of Wyoming, Vermont, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Montana.
 - Job growth has surpassed 100,000 jobs in 32 of the 35 months since the President was elected, a historic economic streak spurred on by the President's pro-growth policies.
 - Under President Trump, the economy has roared to life and defied the doubters, who failed to see the incredible impact pro-growth policies would have.
- We have created 4.8 million more jobs than what the Congressional Budget Office projected before the 2016 election.

HIGHER WAGES FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

- The American worker continues to see higher wages and bigger paychecks.
- Wages have increased 3% percent over the prior 12 months, continuing a spectacular stretch of strong wage growth for American workers.
- This is the 15th consecutive month that year-over-year wage growth has been at or above 3%
 - Economic indicators suggest that average earnings are growing faster than inflation.

UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS NEAR HISTORIC LOWS

- The unemployment rate remains historically low at 3.6% - near its lowest point in half a century.
- October marked the 20th consecutive month that the unemployment rate has been at or below 4%.
 - While the unemployment rate ticked up slightly, it was largely because more workers are coming off the sidelines and joining the workforce.
 - The unemployment rate for African Americans fell to 5.4%, a new record low.
 - Workers are coming off the sidelines and back into the workforce thanks to the booming economy.
- Since President Trump's election, 2.1 million prime-age workers have joined the labor force.