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June 9, 2026

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
332 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Cassidy, Ranking Member Sanders, and Members of the Senate HELP Committee:

As the Executive Director of the Council for Innovation Promotion (C4IP), I respectfully urge the Committee not to include the Medication Affordability and Patent Integrity Act in its anticipated markup on June 17.

C4IP has [consistently opposed](#) this legislation because it would impose unnecessary new disclosure and certification requirements on biopharmaceutical innovators without addressing any demonstrated deficiency in existing law. As we have previously noted in our [letter to the Committee](#) regarding the bill and a subsequent [statement on its introduction](#), there is no evidence of widespread misconduct that would justify creating a new regulatory regime governing communications between the FDA and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Existing safeguards already provide significant penalties for inaccurate or misleading submissions to either agency.

The bill would create substantial compliance burdens, expose sensitive proprietary information, and inject new uncertainty into the patent system at a time when strong intellectual property protections remain essential to sustaining investment in medical innovation. Rather than improving patient access to medicines, the legislation risks undermining the incentives that drive the development of new treatments and cures.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Medication Affordability and Patent Integrity Act not be included in the Committee's June 17 markup agenda.

Thank you for your consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Cullen', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Frank Cullen
Executive Director
Council for Innovation Promotion (C4IP)

cc:

Senator Rand Paul, Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Senator Susan Collins, Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

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