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Statement Opposing Bill to Advance Government-Run Health Care, Drug Price Controls

(Washington, D.C.) — The following statement, regarding U.S. House consideration of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425), may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“Conservatives for Property Rights vigorously opposes H.R. 1425 and urges Congress to reject this cynical, nakedly political, dangerous measure. This bill curtails medical consumers’ health coverage options, rolling back recent gains to expand consumer choice and private health care competition such as through association health plans. It unduly pushes more Americans into government-run Medicaid, killing off private-sector insurance markets. It limits states’ ability to fulfill their role as laboratories of facilitating solutions to a state’s unique circumstances.

“A serious threat from H.R. 1425 to America’s economic, competitive, and health care position is its assault on cutting-edge areas of innovation, especially our biopharmaceutical sector. It imposes government price controls — like those used in socialized medical system countries — that would slow our rapid progress and end our lead in developing COVID-19 cures, vaccines, treatments and tests. Bill supporters would set back our fight against the coronavirus pandemic and increase the suffering of COVID patients. They’d quash a major U.S. economic sector that plays a major role in our industrial competitiveness and provides good-paying jobs.

“So, H.R. 1425 would hurt American innovators leading the charge against a global pandemic, disrupt our health care system, harm U.S. patients and consumers, advantage our competitors and substitute bureaucrats’ centralized decisions for the millions of decisions by consumers, providers, innovators and others that make our health system more dynamic and innovative.

“Were Congress bound by truth-in-advertising laws, H.R. 1425 would be called the ‘Socialist Leaps Toward Forcing Americans into Government-Controlled, One-Size-Fits-All Health Insurance and Government Price Controls on Medical Innovation Act.’”

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About Conservatives for Property Rights:

Conservatives for Property Rights is a coalition of conservative organizations that stand for private rights in property in all its forms — physical, personal and intellectual. CPR believes property rights are divinely endowed to human beings on account of their humanity, and private property is essential to the functioning of free enterprise, investing one’s resources in discovery and creativity, and the exercise of ordered liberty.