



Conservatives
for
Property Rights

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The Honorable John Thune
U.S. Senate Majority Leader
S-221 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune:

Conservatives for Property Rights (CPR), a coalition of center-right public policy organizations concerned with preserving and protecting private property rights, writes to express strong opposition to the **Medication Affordability and Patent Integrity Act (S. 2658)**, which the Senate HELP Committee voted June 17 to report out. We urge you not to move this bill.

As you know, CPR emphasizes the central importance of private property in all its forms — physical, personal, financial, and intellectual. Rights in private property rank among the unalienable rights the Founders referenced in the Declaration of Independence. Moreover, they placed patents' securing the private property rights of inventors in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution itself. We do not consider property rights a conservative or liberal issue, though this coalition approaches property rights from a conservative philosophical perspective.

As one of CPR's member organizations explains in this [recent op-ed in Breitbart](#), the Medication Affordability and Patent Integrity Act runs counter to and risks disruption of constructive steps the Trump administration has taken to address drug affordability. It discusses how this legislation could very well benefit China and harm U.S. biopharma competitiveness.

S. 2658 rests on a single anecdote, which a court resolved under current patent law. The bill woefully misunderstands or disregards the very different functions of the FDA and the USPTO, places confidential information at tremendous risk of public disclosure before a patent has been granted, and creates a paperwork burden for both innovator companies and federal agencies with distinct statutory missions and without any benefit.

"protecting the exertions of talents and industry . . . securing to them their justly acquired fruits"
— Alexander Hamilton

There's no other way to characterize S. 2658 than as misguided, short-sighted, and reckless.

CPR has consistently, clearly opposed this legislation as well as related measures, both legislative and executive. Additional resources discussing S. 2658's shortcomings and inadvisability are at IPWatchdog and the Washington Examiner.

Our counsel is simple: First, do no harm to America's patent and drug regulatory approval systems. S. 2658 harms both. Please do not let this legislation proceed any further. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

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