

Floor Statement
The Honorable Darlene Hooley
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H.R. 3580 – Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3580.

Patients and consumers are the clear winners in this legislation today.

This legislation will save lives by promoting the safe and quick approval of life-saving medications and providing the FDA with vital new authority to protect consumers after a drug is on the market.

This bill collects an additional \$225 million over five years to enhance drug safety reviews and also promotes testing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices to ensure they are safe for children.

Moreover, provisions I crafted with my colleague Mr. Doyle, the FDA and others require the creation of a unique device identification (UDI) system for medical devices that will help take important strides to improve the public health. Medical devices cannot easily be tracked or identified in any systemic fashion with current tools. A UDI system will enable the FDA to detect warning signs of a defective device earlier and quickly respond to recalls. Every person with an artificial knee or hip, pacemaker, or one of the thousands of other medical devices will benefit once this UDI system is in place.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan and comprehensive drug and device safety bill.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.