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BPC Applauds House Energy and Commerce Committee for Passing Bipartisan 21st Century Cures Legislation

Washington, D.C. – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) issued the following statement by Bill Hoagland, BPC senior vice president and Janet Marchibroda, director of BPC's Health Innovation Initiative, regarding the House Energy and Commerce Committee's passage of The 21st Century Cures Act.

"BPC applauds House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Ranking Member Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO), Health Subcommittee Chairman Joe Pitts (R-PA), and Health Subcommittee Ranking Member Gene Green (D-TX) for their dedication to advancing the bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act.

"BPC recognizes the importance of providing additional resources to both the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration to carry out the work in the bill, and the challenges associated with finding agreeable offsets to cover those costs. We commend the Energy and Commerce Committee for its hard work on these fronts and encourage continued bipartisan collaboration as the legislation advances in the House and as the Senate proceeds with its efforts.

"Under the leadership of former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. and former Congressman Bart Gordon, BPC launched [FDA: Advancing Medical Innovation](#) to develop and advance bold, viable policy changes to accelerate the cycle of discovery, development and delivery of safe and effective drugs and medical devices in America.

"As this legislation advances to the House floor and similar efforts proceed in the Senate, BPC is pleased to support the work of the House Energy and Commerce and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee leaders on these critical issues, which afford tremendous opportunity for providing hope for patients and accelerated progress on research, new medicines and treatments."

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