

ASOP Global Applauds House Passage of the INFORM Consumers Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – November 17, 2022 – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass H.R. 5502, the Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces (INFORM) for Consumers Act. The bipartisan bill requires online marketplaces to verify high-volume sellers and provide consumers with their contact information. The legislation also enables law enforcement to prosecute criminals and remove counterfeit, dangerous, or defective products from online marketplaces.

Unbeknownst to most consumers, the <u>majority of online pharmacies</u> are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration or state regulators. The fake medicines peddled by illegal online drug sellers, sold via online marketplaces, and offered on social media platforms, are <u>dangerous and even deadly</u>. As the number of Americans who purchase medication online <u>continues to grow</u>, the INFORM Consumers Act sends a clear message to digital drug dealers that they can no longer exploit online marketplaces anonymously and without consequences.

<u>The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies</u> (ASOP Global) applauds the House for taking this critical step forward in making the <u>internet a safer</u>, <u>more transparent place</u> for consumers to shop.

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ABOUT ASOP GLOBAL

The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global), a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., with activities in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Latin America, and Asia, is dedicated to protecting consumers around the world, ensuring safe access to medications, and combating illegal online drug sellers.