

## **ASOP Global Applauds the House Communications and Technology Subcommittee for Focusing on Making the Internet Safer for American Consumers**

WASHINGTON D.C. – December 19, 2023 – The [Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies](#) (ASOP Global) commends the House Communications and Technology Subcommittee for holding the hearing, “Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.” While Congress remains steadfast in its commitment to expanding nationwide broadband access, ensuring the safety of users in the digital space is paramount.

ASOP Global is committed to ensuring that the U.S. drug supply chain is safe from dangerous, substandard, or falsified medication that unsuspecting consumers purchase from illegal online drug sellers. New data from [ASOP Foundation’s latest consumer survey](#) show that most Americans (52%) have purchased medications from an online pharmacy for themselves or someone in their care, up ten percentage points in just two years. At the same time, most Americans who use online pharmacies make dangerous assumptions about the general safety, oversight, and compliance of the prescription medicine sellers they encounter online. More than half of consumers falsely believe that all websites offering healthcare services/prescription medications to Americans via the internet have been approved by the FDA or state regulators, and 44% falsely believe that online pharmacies do not need a prescription from a healthcare provider to dispense the medication for certain prescription medicines.

“There is an alarming trend of more and more consumers buying prescriptions online despite not understanding the potential risks,” said Libby Baney, principal at Faegre Drinker Consulting and senior advisor to ASOP Global. “We urgently need policy solutions to keep consumers safe from illegal online drug sellers.”

ASOP Global [submitted a statement for the record](#) on the hearing, advocating for policies that put online consumer safety first, including stopping domain name registries and registrars from enabling online crime by requiring them to lock and suspend websites facilitating the illegal sale of drugs and safeguarding online transparency by restoring access to accurate WHOIS data.

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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 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.*