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ASOP Global Supports SAFE Drugs Act to Strengthen Protections Against Unsafe and Unapproved Medicines

Legislation Aims to Close Regulatory Gaps Exploited by Online Drug Sellers

WASHINGTON, DC (December 16, 2025) – As more Americans turn to the internet to purchase medications, often without knowing whether those drugs are safe, approved or legitimate, the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global) today applauded the introduction of the Safeguarding Americans from Fraudulent and Experimental (SAFE) Drugs Act of 2025 (H.R. 6509), bipartisan legislation introduced by Representatives Rudy Yakym (R-IN-02) and André Carson (D-IN-07) to strengthen patient safety protections in federal drug law.

The SAFE Drugs Act addresses regulatory gaps that bad actors can exploit to mass-produce and market unapproved medicines, including those promoted and sold online without appropriate oversight, putting patients at risk of receiving drugs that have not been evaluated for safety, quality, or effectiveness.

The need for stronger safeguards is underscored by ASOP Global's recent national consumer survey, which found that 38% of U.S. adults have purchased prescription medicines online, while nearly half of online buyers report taking a medication they were not fully confident was as safe as one from a local pharmacy. These findings highlight how quickly unsafe or unapproved drugs can reach patients when regulatory guardrails are weakened or exploited.

The SAFE Drugs Act would:

- Clarify appropriate limits on compounding practices to prevent misuse for large-scale drug manufacturing
- Improve transparency and reporting to better identify unsafe compounded products
- Strengthen FDA oversight and enforcement to protect patients from fraudulent or experimental medicines

ASOP Global urges Congress to advance the SAFE Drugs Act swiftly and reaffirm its commitment to protecting patients from unsafe drugs, whether sold online or through other channels.

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The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global), a 501(c)(4) non-profit 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. Learn more at buysaferx.pharmacy.