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Dear Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee,

On behalf of The ERISA Industry Committee, we urge you to vote YES on legislation expected to be considered by the Committee that will eliminate unnecessary barriers and bring lower cost drug therapies such as biosimilars to market. **Specifically, we strongly support and urge you to vote in favor of the Biosimilar Red Tape Elimination Act (H.R. 5526). STOP GAMES Act of 2026 (H.R. 8908), and the Expedited Access to Biosimilars Act (H.R. 9661).** These bills will remove certain requirements for biosimilars to be designated as interchangeable, prevent brand-name pharmaceutical companies from abusing the FDA citizen petition process to delay approval of lower-cost generic and biosimilar applications, and streamline and accelerate biosimilar approvals by reducing unnecessary clinical trial requirements.

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ERIC applauds the Committee's bipartisan work to address anticompetitive practices that are driving up health care prices and adding to increased premiums and out-of-pocket costs for patients. Importantly, H.R. 5526, H.R. 8908, and H.R. 9661, will help provide quicker access to cheaper drug therapies such as biosimilars and generics, in line with Congressional intent as passed into law in the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologic Price Competition and Innovation Act. Such access will provide the 160 million Americans who receive health care coverage through employer-sponsored insurance and their employers some relief from the ever-rising costs of care.

**ERIC urges Committee members to vote YES and support the passage of these bills.**

Sincerely,

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