

# MARCH-IN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK EXPANSION THREATENS AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP IN MEDICAL INNOVATION



#### Developing New Medications is Risky and Costly

Drug development is one of the riskiest industries for investments.

## Only **10UT OF EVERY 10 DRUGS**

that makes it into clinical trials is approved by the FDA.<sup>1</sup>

Developing new medications is a costly investment — at over \$2 BILLION. 23

Government Interest Has a Modest but Minor Contribution to Product Approvals and Public Health

Only 8% of all products approved in the past decade were associated with public funding.4

Federal funding — most commonly used for basic research— can lead to patents contributing to future products. But no medication has gained FDA approval without significant private-sector investment— to the tune of \$67 invested by the private sector for every \$1 from public funds.<sup>5</sup>

The public sector contributes important discoveries, but legally controlling patents (e.g., every patent is subject to Bayh-Dole) account for only 1% of all products approved by the FDA.5

The Proposed Change is Based on a Faulty Premise that Ignores Market Competition in the U.S.

#### **MORE THAN 92%**

of all prescriptions filled in the United States are generic medications and saved the U.S. healthcare system

**\$408 BILLION** in 2022.67

The growing biosimilar market has saved over **\$7 BILLION** for the U.S. health care system and is projected to save

\$180 BILLION in the next five years.

New treatments, on average, have less than a year on the market before therapeutic alternatives are available and market-based competition for preferred formulary tiering and rebates create competition among these innovations.<sup>10</sup>





External Factors Distort Patient Accessibility and Out-of-Pocket Costs

For every **\$1** spent on medications,

## **\$0.50 GOES TO ORGANIZATIONS**

that do not invest in research. Payers, middlemen, and others in the supply chain are profiting without investments to develop these medications."

Insurance-based costs due to deductibles, copays, and co-insurance distort the cost of medications for patients.

Copayments for 28% of patients cost more than the total cost of their medication.<sup>12</sup>

Maintaining an Ecosystem that Supports Research and Development Benefits Patients, Universities, and Economics

The biopharmaceutical sector serves as a bedrock of innovative jobs by supporting more than

### 4.4 MILLION

American jobs and directly providing at least

900,00 HIGH-PAYING JOBS.<sup>13</sup>

Overriding existing patent laws for even 10% of all medications would have a material impact on the US GDP (\$\sqrt{0.2}\%), consumer benefits (\$\\$152.3\$ billion), and 445,00 fewer jobs over 30 years.\(^14\)

Chipping away at the research ecosystem would affect industry but also universities, communities, and the economies that they support.



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