

I'm working to shed light on financial relationships between drug companies and doctors. I've conducted oversight, and I'm working for passage of legislation that would require public reporting by drug companies of the money they give to doctors for consulting, travel, speeches, meals and other activities. The public interest is clear. We all rely on the advice of doctors, and leading researchers influence the practice of medicine. Taxpayers spend billions of dollars each year on prescription drugs and devices through Medicare and Medicaid. The National Institutes of Health distributes \$24 billion annually in federal research grants. So the public has a right to know about financial relationships between doctors and drug companies.

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