

## **Chairman Moolenaar Remarks**

### *Introduction of the Restoring Confidence To the World Anti-Doping Agency Act*

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For more than a century, the Olympics have brought athletes from different cultures and nations together in competition.

Those who promote and enable the use of performance-enhancing drugs are not just cheating other competitors.

They are cheating the entire world.

Like the rest of you, I was outraged, though not surprised, when I heard how more than two dozen Chinese Olympic swimmers tested positive for Performance Enhancing Drugs one month before the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

I was even more disappointed to learn that when WADA, the world anti-doping agency, learned of these offenses it not only refused to investigate but actively covered up the positive tests from the public

It's bad enough that many of these swimmers went on to win medals in Tokyo. But now the IOC and WADA have taken unprecedented steps to shield themselves from accountability for enabling this corruption.

The IOC inserted a clause in Utah's 2034 Olympic bid requiring the state to lobby the US Government—on the IOC's behalf—to shut down any investigations into doping allegations.

This brazen attempt by the IOC and WADA to force Utah to interfere in an investigation would win the gold medal in blackmail.

We owe it to the athletes of every nation to take a stand in favor of a fair, drug-free Olympics.

While we may not be able to bring the CCP officials responsible for these crimes to justice, we can hold their foreign co-conspirators accountable.

And we can act to restore fairness and integrity to the Olympic Games in the face of the CCP's corruption.

That is why I, along with Ranking Member Krishnamoorthi and Senators Van Hollen and Blackburn, have introduced the Restoring Confidence to the World Anti-Doping Agency Act of 2024.

Our bill would give the Office of National Drug Control Policy authority to ensure that WADA maintains a proper conflict-of-interest policy and maintains strict standards to counter state-sponsored doping efforts.

Future U.S. funding of WADA will depend on them meeting these strict requirements.

Let's send a message to the IOC and WADA—if you do not defend the Olympic spirit of fairness, the United States will.

Thank you