Rep. Waxman releases a report detailing how the Central American Free Trade Agreement and other Bush Administration trade agreements are impeding the rights of developing nations to acquire essential medicines at affordable prices.

“The trade agreements have multiple provisions that block developing nations from getting timely access to lifesaving drugs,” said Rep. Waxman. “The health implications of the trade agreements for the developing world are serious.”

The report, prepared for Rep. Waxman by the minority staff of the Committee on Government Reform, describes how CAFTA and six other trade agreements signed or under negotiation by the Bush Administration compromise the principles adopted in the 2001 Doha Declaration, an international agreement that trade accords should not interfere with public health and access to medicines. **Documents and Links**

- Report on Trade Agreements and Access to Medications
- Press Release