



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Praises the 21st Century Cures Act

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**REP. TOM EMMER:**

Hello, everyone. Congressman Tom Emmer here. The election is finally over. The Trump administration is starting to take shape and we're getting ready for the 115th Congress in January. But the work of the 114th Congress is not yet finished. This week, we passed a major policy reform in health care and the National Defense Authorization Act. I'm especially proud of our health care reform, which is called the 21st Century Cures Act. Why? Because while there are presently 10,000 known diseases, there are only 500 known cures. And the time has come to work together and reform this nation's health care. And that is just what 21st Century Cures does. This crucial legislation modernizes clinical trials, breaks down barriers and regulations that prevent medical innovation, and encourages the development of new drugs that will help fight and, yes, work toward curing these life-threatening diseases. In addition to finding life-saving cures, this law helps solve the major issues our nation is facing with regard to mental health and addiction. The 21st Century Cures Act offers some of the most meaningful improvements to our mental health system by strengthening our nation's mental health workforce and improving current mental health programs. Additionally, this addresses the opiate addiction problems currently plaguing our nation by improving prescription drug monitoring programs and intervention training. In Minnesota, we are known for our efforts in innovative medicine. So I am proud that we passed this reform, which will encourage innovation and will help usher our work to bring our health care industry into the 21st Century. What makes it even better is that we passed this incredible reform without increasing spending. If you have any questions about the 21st Century Cures Act or any other concerns about our nation's health care, please don't hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for listening and have a fantastic weekend.

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