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**Congressman Filner Introduces  
Legislation to Make Drug  
Manufacturers Accountable**

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Bob Filner announced today he has introduced the Consumer Protection Act, H.R. 542, which would allow consumers to sue a drug manufacturer directly.

“When the medicine that was supposed to heal us, instead harms us, we should be able to hold drug manufacturers responsible,” said Congressman Filner. “This legislation puts the power back in the hands of the consumer and makes drug companies accountable for their products.”

The legislation repeals the Learned Intermediary Doctrine, a judicial precedent that prevents Americans from suing the manufacturers of a drug that harmed them. According to the Learned Intermediary Doctrine, a patient cannot sue the drug manufacturer on the grounds that their doctor (the Learned Intermediary) should be able to warn them about the possible negative side effects.