

Sen. Roy Blunt

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Sen. Blunt's Key Votes for Children

- **voted for [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market. This bill, which ultimately failed, would have led to 23 million more Americans without health insurance by 2026.
- **voted for [H.R.1](#)**, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided for tax cuts that disproportionately favor wealthy individuals and corporations. The bill is projected to add \$1.5 trillion to the national debt over ten years, which could lead to future cuts to important social safety net programs. The bill also repeals the individual health insurance mandate established under the Affordable Care Act, jeopardizing health insurance coverage for millions of people.
- **voted for [H.R.1892](#)**, the Bipartisan Budget Act, which extended CHIP for four additional years, funded a home visiting program for new mothers, funded community health centers, and modified funding and eligibility requirements for foster care prevention services.
- **voted for [H.R.1370](#)**, the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, which extended funding for the government by four weeks and retroactively funded CHIP for the first half of fiscal year 2018.
- **voted for the [confirmation of Betsy DeVos](#)** as Secretary of Education, which CDF opposed due to concerns about DeVos's experience and her demonstrated opposition to robust enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Title IX.
- **voted for the [confirmation of Jeff Sessions](#)** as Attorney General, which CDF opposed due to concerns about Sessions's poor record on civil rights and criminal justice.
- **voted for [H.J.RES.57](#)**, the resolution that nullified a Department of Education rule providing for federal standards for states implementing plans to meet the needs of historically marginalized groups under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

NOTE

Bills rated positive appear in **GREEN**, while negative bills appear in **RED**.

District Snapshot

21.1% live in poverty

30.1% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

13% live in households receiving SNAP

18.6% are facing food insecurity

4.5% lack health insurance

Sources: 2016 Annual Community Survey; US Dept. of Agriculture

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Sen. Blunt's Actions in CDF's Core Policy Areas

Blunt on Health Care

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- **co-sponsored [S.428](#)**, the ACE Kids Act, which would authorize states to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through enhanced pediatric health homes.
- **co-sponsored [S.1859](#)**, the Healthcare Tax Relief Act, which would extend the moratorium on the annual fee on health insurance providers.

Blunt on Fighting Poverty

- **voted for [H.CON.RES.71](#)**, the 2018 congressional budget resolution, which established the budget for fiscal year 2018. This resolution included reconciliation instructions which allowed for the eventual passage of H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, with a simple majority in the Senate.
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Blunt on Child Welfare

- **sponsored [S.439](#)**, the Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act, which would require mental health screenings within 30 days after a child enters foster care.
- **co-sponsored [S.811](#)**, the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act, which would protect child welfare service providers that decline to provide services that conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions.
- **co-sponsored [S.937](#)**, the Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act, which would make the tax credit for adoption expenses refundable.
- **co-sponsored [S.1257](#)**, the Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act, which would require states to develop an electronic system to expedite the placement of children in foster care or guardianship, or for adoption.
- **co-sponsored [S.1357](#)**, the Family-Based Care Services Act, which would provide funding for therapeutic family care services in Medicaid. Such programs provide parents, caregivers, or foster families with training necessary to care for children with mental illness, emotional or behavioral disorders, or other conditions.

Blunt on PreK-12 Education

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- **co-sponsored S.2495**, the STOP School Violence Act, which would reauthorize a grant program for school security to train local law enforcement, school personnel, and students and to develop an anonymous reporting system for violent threats at school.
- **co-sponsored S.2513**, the School Safety and Mental Health Services Improvement Act, which would provide for grants to schools for improved security measures, improved mental health training for school employees, and technical assistance for programs designed to improve mental health care for children.

Blunt on Juvenile Justice

- **voted for the confirmation of Jeff Sessions** as Attorney General, which CDF opposed due to concerns about Sessions's poor record on civil rights and criminal justice.
- **co-sponsored S.860**, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act, which would reauthorize the JJDPA and provide for incentive grants for local delinquency prevention programs.
- **co-sponsored S.1917**, the National Criminal Justice Commission Act, which would reform sentencing laws and corrections and include provisions on parole for juveniles, sealing of juvenile records, and juvenile solitary confinement.

Blunt on Gun Reform

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Guns. To learn more visit www.blunt.senate.govpublic/ or call this member's office at 202-224-5721.

Blunt on Nutrition

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Nutrition. To learn more visit www.blunt.senate.govpublic/ or call this member's office at 202-224-5721.

Blunt on Early Childhood

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Blunt on Housing

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