

Sen. Cory Booker

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Sen. Booker's Key Votes for Children

- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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 against [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 against [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 against [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 against 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 against 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 against [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

15.6% live in poverty

21.9% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

9.3% live in households receiving SNAP

14.9% are facing food insecurity

3.5% lack health insurance

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

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

Booker on Health Care

- **voted against 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 against 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.
- **voted against 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.
- **co-sponsored S.194**, the CHOICE Act, which would provide for a public health insurance option.
- **co-sponsored S.337**, the FAMILY Act, which would establish the Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave and entitle individuals to a family and medical leave insurance payment for extended caregiving periods.
- **co-sponsored S.1112**, the Maternal Health Accountability Act, which would support states in improving outcomes for mothers during pregnancy.
- **co-sponsored S.1650**, the Youth Access to Sexual Health Services Act, which would authorize grants to support access of marginalized youth to sexual health services.
- **sponsored S.1653**, the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act, which would authorize grants for comprehensive sex education.
- **co-sponsored S.1804**, the Medicare for All Act, which would establish a universal Medicare program.
- **co-sponsored S.1827**, the KIDS Act, which would extend CHIP funding for five years.
- **co-sponsored S.1970**, the Medicare-X Choice Act, which would create a public health care Medicare Exchange plan.
- **co-sponsored S.2001**, the State Public Option Act, which would establish a public health care option through Medicaid.
- **co-sponsored S.2708**, the Choose Medicare Act, which would create a public health care option through Medicare that would be available for purchase on the health care exchanges.

Booker on Fighting Poverty

- **voted against 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.
- **voted against 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.
- **co-sponsored S.1242**, the Raise the Wage Act, which would increase the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour over a period of seven years.
- **co-sponsored S.1371**, the Working Families Tax Relief Act, which would increase the amount of the child tax credit and the portion of the credit that is refundable.

Booker on Child Welfare

- **co-sponsored S.774**, the Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act, which would create a task force to report on best practices for trauma-informed care and modify a number of grant programs to incorporate trauma-informed care.

Booker on PreK-12 Education

- **voted against** [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.
- **voted against** 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.
- **co-sponsored** [S.1674](#), the School Building Improvement Act, which would provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of public elementary schools and secondary schools.
- **sponsored** [S.2370](#), the STRIVE Act, which would increase funding for programs supporting early childhood, elementary, and secondary educators.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2572](#), the Safe Schools Improvement Act, which would require local educational agencies to establish anti-bullying policies and prohibit bullying based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2584](#), the Student Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity of a student or a person associated with that student in any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Booker on Juvenile Justice

- **voted against** 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.
- **sponsored** [S.328](#), the Equal Justice Under Law Act, which would enforce the Sixth Amendment right to the assistance of effective counsel at all stages of the adversarial process.
- **sponsored** [S.329](#), the MERCY Act, which would restrict the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in federal custody.
- **co-sponsored** [S.827](#), the REDEEM Act, which would allow for the sealing or expungement of federal non-violent criminal offenses for adults and juveniles and would alleviate some collateral consequences of such convictions. The bill also prohibits solitary room confinement in juvenile facilities in cases not involving substantial risk of harm.
- **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.874](#), the At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act, which would protect at-risk youth against termination of Medicaid eligibility while an inmate of a public institution.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2423](#), the REAL Act, which would reinstate Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated individuals.

Booker on Gun Reform

- **co-sponsored** [S.1945](#), the Keep Americans Safe Act, which would regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2009](#), the Background Check Expansion Act, which would require background checks for every firearm sale.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2044](#), the Lori Jackson Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act, which would prevent domestic abusers subject to a protective court order from purchasing or possessing guns.
- **co-sponsored** [S.2095](#), the Assault Weapons Ban, which would criminalize the sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device.

Booker on Nutrition

- **co-sponsored S.1064**, the Anti-Lunch Shaming Act, which would prohibit public identification or stigmatization of children who lack funds to pay for a meal or have outstanding credit.
- **co-sponsored S.2723**, the SNAP for Kids Act, which would increase SNAP benefits for children by changing the method by which benefits are calculated.

Booker on Early Childhood

- **co-sponsored S.1806**, the Child Care for Working Families Act, which would expand and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant and provide grants for funding high-quality preschool.

Booker on Housing

- **co-sponsored S.548**, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, which would increase state credit allocations and make several adjustments to the low-income housing tax credit.