

Sen. Sherrod Brown

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

22.1% live in poverty

29.2% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

14.8% live in households receiving SNAP

21.9% are facing food insecurity

3.6% lack health insurance

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

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

Brown 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.
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- **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.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.783**, the Improving Access to Maternity Care Act, which would provides for the identification of areas of need with respect to maternity care health professionals.
- **co-sponsored S.1112**, the Maternal Health Accountability Act, which would support states in improving outcomes for mothers during pregnancy.
- **sponsored S.1148**, the CRIB Act, which would allow a state Medicaid program to cover inpatient or outpatient services at a residential pediatric recovery center for infants with neonatal drug withdrawal symptoms and their families.
- **sponsored S.1227**, the Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act, which would stabilize health coverage for children whose eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP fluctuates along with their family income.
- **sponsored S.1317**, the Medicaid and CHIP Quality Improvement Act, which would expand reporting requirements for quality of care provided under Medicaid and CHIP and set up award system for high-achieving states.
- **co-sponsored S.1462**, the Marketplace Certainty Act, which would amend the Affordable Care Act to gradually reduce subsidy payments to insurance companies.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored S.1653**, the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act, which would authorize grants for comprehensive sex education.
- **co-sponsored S.1827**, the KIDS Act, which would extend CHIP funding for five years.
- **co-sponsored S.2415**, the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act, which would streamline the process for children with complex medical needs seeking medical care across state lines through Medicaid or CHIP.
- **co-sponsored S.2456**, the CARA 2.0 Act, which would reauthorize the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and introduce new efforts to fight the opioid crisis.
- **co-sponsored S.2637**, the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act, which would provide for grants to establish maternity and infant care initiatives and develop a set of measures for evaluating maternal and infant health.

Brown 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.

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- **co-sponsored [S.470](#)**, the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Enhancement Act, which would raise the income level at which the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit phases out, increase the value of the credit, index the credit to inflation, and make the credit fully refundable.
- **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.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored [S.1630](#)**, the Child Poverty Reduction Act, which would establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty to develop a national strategy to eliminate child poverty.
- **sponsored [S.1849](#)**, the GAIN Act, which would increase the value of the Earned Income Tax Credit for every group including individuals with no children.
- **co-sponsored [S.2018](#)**, the American Family Act, which would make the child tax credit fully refundable and increase the child tax credit for young children.

Brown 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.
- **co-sponsored [S.1091](#)**, the Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act, which would establish a federal task force to support grandparents raising grandchildren.
- **co-sponsored [S.1303](#)**, the Every Child Deserves a Family Act, which would prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in adoption and the foster care system.
- **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.

Brown on PreK-12 Education

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- **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.
- **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.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.

Brown 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.

Brown on Gun Reform

- **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.

Brown on Nutrition

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Nutrition. To learn more visit www.brown.senate.gov or call this member's office at 202-224-2315.

Brown on Early Childhood

- **co-sponsored S.1690**, the CCAMPIS Reauthorization Act, which would reauthorize a program that provides campus-based child care for parents in college.
- **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.

Brown 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.