

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

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Rep. Fitzpatrick'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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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 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 and co-sponsored [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 and co-sponsored [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 [H.R.195](#)**, the HEALTHY KIDS Act, which extended funding for the federal government by three weeks and extended CHIP for six years.
- **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

7% live in poverty

39.4% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

13.2% live in households receiving SNAP

13.6% are facing food insecurity

2.1% lack health insurance

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

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Rep. Fitzpatrick's Actions in CDF's Core Policy Areas

Fitzpatrick on Health Care

- **voted for H.R.195**, the HEALTHY KIDS Act, which extended funding for the federal government by three weeks and extended CHIP for six years.
- **voted for H.R.315**, the Improving Access to Maternity Care Act, which would provide for the identification of areas of need with respect to maternity care health professionals.
- **co-sponsored H.R.1121**, the Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act, which would maintain the requirement for health insurers to cover preexisting conditions in the event of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
- **co-sponsored H.R.1318**, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, which would create a committee to review maternal and infant mortality and fund demonstration programs to study potential interventions.
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- **voted for H.R.2422**, the Action for Dental Health Act, which would establish a CDC grant program to improve access to dental care for underserved communities.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2501**, the CRIB Act, which would amend a grant program to provide funds to help babies born with drug dependencies.
- **voted for H.R.3922**, the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act, which would extend CHIP and Community Health Centers funding. CHIP and Community Health Centers were eventually funded through a series of budget bills.
- **co-sponsored H.R.4666**, the Premium Relief Act, which would provide funding for states to be used to improve health care markets through increased direct subsidies, payments to insurers, etc.

Fitzpatrick 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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Fitzpatrick on Child Welfare

- **co-sponsored H.R.2069**, the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act, which would prioritize housing benefits for youths aging out of the foster care system.
- **voted for H.R.2824**, the Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, which would reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program for five years, and require grantees to match federal funds beginning in fiscal year 2020. MIECHV was eventually reauthorized through H.R.1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act, without a state matching requirement.

- **voted for [H.R.2847](#)**, the Improving Services for Older Youth in Foster Care Act, which would authorize states to extend foster care eligibility up to age 21 and to increase age limits on other programs for youths who have aged out of foster care.
- **voted for [H.R.2866](#)**, the Reducing Unnecessary Barriers for Relative Foster Parents Act, which would require the Department of Health and Human Services to identify model standards for the licensing of foster family homes and to evaluate state plans against those standards.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.4234](#)**, the Preparing Homeless Youth for Education and Employment Act, which would authorize college and career counseling for homeless children and youths.

Fitzpatrick on PreK-12 Education

- **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.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.2902](#)**, the IDEA Full Funding Act, which would fully fund part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **voted for and co-sponsored [H.R.4909](#)**, 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 [H.R.5731](#)**, the Securing Our Schools Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to protect schools from shootings and terrorism.

Fitzpatrick on Juvenile Justice

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Juvenile Justice. To learn more visit fitzpatrick.house.gov or call this member's office at 202-225-4276.

Fitzpatrick on Gun Reform

- **voted against [H.R.38](#)**, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which would allow individuals licensed for concealed carry in one state to possess or carry a concealed weapon in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.1478](#)**, the Gun Violence Research Act, which would permit the Department of Health and Human Services to sponsor research on gun violence.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.2598](#)**, the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act, which would allow family members of an individual who they believe to be a danger to himself or others to seek a gun violence prevention order, which would allow for the temporary seizure of said individual's firearms.
- **sponsored [H.R.4168](#)**, the Closing the Bump-Stock Loophole Act, which would classify devices intended to increase rate of fire of semiautomatic weapons as machine guns under the law.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.5717](#)**, the Jake Laird Act, which would authorize a grant program for states that have laws authorizing the seizure of firearms from individuals that pose an imminent risk of injury to themselves or others.

Fitzpatrick on Nutrition

- **voted against [H.R.2](#)**, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act, which would cut SNAP benefits by \$20 billion over ten years through more stringent work requirements and elimination of other programs; the bill would also create additional barriers to receiving SNAP benefits.
- **co-sponsored [H.R.2401](#)**, 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.

Fitzpatrick on Early Childhood

- **voted for H.R.695**, the Child Protection Improvements Act, which would establish a background check system for individuals who care for children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3632**, the PACE Act, which would make the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit refundable, increase rates for the credit, and index the credit to inflation.

Fitzpatrick on Housing

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