

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

21.9% live in poverty

28.4% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

15.4% live in households receiving SNAP

19.4% are facing food insecurity

2.4% lack health insurance

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

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Aging

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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

Gillibrand 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.
- **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.1307**, the Affordable Health Insurance for the Middle Class Act, which would expand eligibility for health care premium assistance tax credit.
- **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.1804**, the Medicare for All Act, which would establish a universal Medicare program.
- **co-sponsored S.2001**, the State Public Option Act, which would establish a public health care option through Medicaid.
- **co-sponsored S.2529**, the Advancing Youth Enrollment Act, which would increase health care subsidies for younger adults to improve participation rates on the state health care exchanges.
- **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.

Gillibrand 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.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.
- **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.

Gillibrand on Child Welfare

- **sponsored S.684**, the National Adoption and Foster Care Home Study Act, which would establish a national, research-based, and comprehensive home study assessment process for the evaluation of prospective foster parents and adoptive parents.
- **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.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.
- **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.2173**, the COURTS Act, which would extend funding for court services for child welfare cases.

Gillibrand 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.628**, the Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act, which would modify the program for federal assistance for career and technical education to require high quality secondary education programming.
- **co-sponsored S.1421**, the Patsy T. Mink Gender Equity in Education Act, which would require the Department of Education to establish a new office to ensure compliance with anti-sex-discrimination laws.
- **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.

Gillibrand 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.
- **co-sponsored S.2423**, the REAL Act, which would reinstate Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated individuals.

Gillibrand 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.

Gillibrand 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.
- **sponsored S.1707**, the SNAP Standard Medical Expense Deduction Act, which would provide for a standard medical expense deduction for the purpose of calculating monthly income to determine eligibility for SNAP.
- **sponsored S.2723**, the SNAP for Kids Act, which would increase SNAP benefits for children by changing the method by which benefits are calculated.

Gillibrand on Early Childhood

- **sponsored S.598**, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code, which would provide for an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses.
- **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.

Gillibrand 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.