

Sen. Heidi Heitkamp

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

13% live in poverty

23.2% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

7.5% live in households receiving SNAP

9.4% are facing food insecurity

7.8% lack health insurance

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

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

Heitkamp on Health Care

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- **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 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.
- **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.
- **sponsored S.1112**, the Maternal Health Accountability Act, which would support states in improving outcomes for mothers during pregnancy.
- **co-sponsored S.1354**, the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act, which would establish a fund to provide for state individual market stabilization reinsurance programs.
- **co-sponsored S.1462**, the Marketplace Certainty Act, which would amend the Affordable Care Act to gradually reduce subsidy payments to insurance companies.
- **sponsored S.1529**, the Addressing Affordability for More Americans Act, which would expand eligibility for health care premium assistance tax credit.
- **co-sponsored S.1546**, the Commonsense Competition and Access to Health Insurance Act, which would allow more flexibility in the sale of health insurance coverage across state lines.
- **co-sponsored S.1976**, the Increasing Access to Care Act, which would allow all individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase bare bones plans.

Heitkamp 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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Heitkamp on Child Welfare

- **co-sponsored S.611**, the Homeless Children and Youth Act, which would amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the needs of homeless children, youth, and families.
- **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.
- **sponsored S.2024**, the Foster Care Tax Credit Act, which would create a tax credit for foster families.

Heitkamp 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.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.

Heitkamp 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.

Heitkamp on Gun Reform

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Guns. To learn more visit www.heitkamp.senate.gov/public/ or call this member's office at 202-224-2043.

Heitkamp on Nutrition

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Nutrition. To learn more visit www.heitkamp.senate.gov/public/ or call this member's office at 202-224-2043.

Heitkamp on Early Childhood

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Heitkamp 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.