

# Sen. Dean Heller

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## Sen. Heller's Key Votes for Children

- **voted for [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

21.3% live in poverty

30.8% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

12.4% live in households receiving SNAP

22.4% are facing food insecurity

6.8% lack health insurance

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

## Additional Member Info

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### Committees:

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Finance  
Veterans' Affairs

## Sen. Heller's Actions in CDF's Core Policy Areas

### Heller on Health Care

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- **sponsored [S.1516](#)**, a bill to modify the health care system, which would allow individuals to buy health insurance across state lines.
- **co-sponsored [S.1827](#)**, the KIDS Act, which would extend CHIP funding for five years.
- **co-sponsored [S.1859](#)**, the Healthcare Tax Relief Act, which would extend the moratorium on the annual fee on health insurance providers.
- **sponsored [S.2183](#)**, the CHIP Stability Act, which would establish a special rule with respect to the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 for the redistribution of unused CHIP allotments to state child health plans experiencing emergency shortfalls.

### Heller on Fighting Poverty

- **voted for [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 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.

### Heller on Child Welfare

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Child Welfare. To learn more visit [www.heller.senate.gov/public/](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/) or call this member's office at 202-224-6244.

### Heller 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.
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- **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.

### Heller on Juvenile Justice

- **voted for 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.

### **Heller on Gun Reform**

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Guns. To learn more visit [www.heller.senate.govpublic/](http://www.heller.senate.govpublic/) or call this member's office at 202-224-6244.

### **Heller on Nutrition**

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### **Heller on Early Childhood**

- **co-sponsored S.208**, 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.

### **Heller 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.