

Rep. Barbara Lee

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

21.2% live in poverty

43.5% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

8.9% live in households receiving SNAP

20.5% are facing food insecurity

2.7% lack health insurance

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

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Appropriations

Budget

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

Lee on Health Care

- **voted against 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.
- **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.
- **voted for and co-sponsored 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.2745**, the Healthy Maternity and Obstetric Medicine Act, which would provide for special enrollment periods for pregnant women seeking health coverage.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3059**, the Community Health Center and Primary Care Workforce Expansion Act, which would amend the Affordable Care Act to indefinitely extend community health centers and grants for qualified health centers.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3770**, the Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence Act, which would reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers.
- **voted against 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.4820**, the ASK Act, which would permanently fund CHIP and provide temporary extensions for community health centers and MIECHV.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5457**, 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.

Lee 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 H.R.15**, the Raise the Wage Act, which would increase the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour over a period of seven years.
- **co-sponsored H.R.821**, the Child Tax Credit Improvement Act, which would increase the Child Tax Credit from \$1,000 per child to \$3,600 per child for children under the age of 6.

- **co-sponsored H.R.1748**, the Opening Doors for Youth Act, which would provide at-risk and disconnected youth with subsidized summer and year-round employment and assist local community partnerships in improving high school graduation and youth employment rates.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2633**, 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 H.R.3381**, the Child Poverty Reduction Act, which would create a working group to develop a national strategy for eliminating child poverty.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3757**, the GAIN Act, which would increase the value of the Earned Income Tax Credit for every group including individuals with no children.
- **sponsored H.R.4074**, the Pathways Out of Poverty Act, which would provide for expansion and improvement of pre-K education, housing subsidies, TANF, SNAP, reemployment programs, and an increase in the minimum wage.

Lee on Child Welfare

- **voted against 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.2952**, the Foster Youth Mentoring Act, which would establish programs for the mentoring of youths in foster care.

Lee 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.647**, the Transition-to-Success Mentoring Act, which would provide for grants for school-based mentoring programs to help at-risk middle school students transition into high school.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2245**, the ZZZ's to A's Act, which would direct the Department of Education to study the relationship between school start times and adolescent health, well-being, and performance.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2475**, the Rebuild America's Schools Act, which would provide funds for improvements to public school facilities.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2902**, the IDEA Full Funding Act, which would fully fund part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3636**, the Educator Preparation Reform Act, which would introduce stricter quality evaluation standards for federally funded teacher training programs.
- **voted against 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.5374**, 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.

Lee on Juvenile Justice

- **co-sponsored H.R.1906**, the REDEEM Act, which would allow for the sealing or expungement of federal non-violent criminal offenses for adults and juveniles and would alleviate some collateral consequences of such convictions. The bill would also prohibit solitary room confinement in juvenile facilities in cases not involving substantial risk of harm.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3800**, the Mandatory Minimum Reform Act, which would eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for all drug offenses.

Lee 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.3947**, the Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act, which would prohibit the sale of bump stocks and other mechanisms to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle.
- **co-sponsored H.R.4268**, the Gun Safety: Not Sorry Act, which would provide for a seven-day waiting period before a semiautomatic firearm, silencer, armor piercing ammunition, or a high-capacity magazine may be transferred.
- **co-sponsored H.R.4573**, the Gun Violence Research Act, which would allow for federal funds to be used for research on mental health, gun violence, and how they intersect, and provide for reporting on the effects of gun violence.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5087**, the Assault Weapons Ban, which would prohibit the possession, sale, manufacture, importation, or transfer of a semiautomatic weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5103**, the Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act, which would increase excise taxes on firearms and ammunition and use the proceeds to fund grants for public safety programs and research on gun violence.

Lee 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.1276**, the Closing the Meal Gap Act, which would increase the minimum SNAP benefit and exempt individuals from work requirements if they have not been offered a position in a federal jobs or job training program.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2289**, the Supermarket Tax Credit for Underserved Areas Act, which would provide tax incentives for supermarkets that serve underserved areas.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2684**, the SNAP Work Opportunities Act, which would exempt individuals from SNAP work requirements if they are not offered a position in a state job training or workfare program.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3749**, 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.

- **co-sponsored H.R.5563**, the Gus Schumacher Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Reauthorization Act, which would increase funding for a grant program intended to improve access to fruits and vegetables for SNAP recipients.

Lee on Early Childhood

- **voted against 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.1466**, the 21st Century Child Care Investment Act, which would provide tax breaks for employment-related expenses for services provided by high quality child care centers.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3773**, 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.

Lee on Housing

- **co-sponsored H.R.948**, the Common Sense Housing Investment Act, which would phase out the tax deduction for mortgage interest, provide tax credits for cooperative housing corporations, and increase the state housing credit ceiling for the low-income housing tax credit; increased tax revenue created by these changes would be directed to the Housing Trust Fund and other affordable housing initiatives.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2076**, the Ending Homelessness Act, which would establish a housing voucher program, outreach program, housing trust fund, and technical assistance programs to combat homelessness.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5200**, the Hardest Hit Housing Act, which would increase funding for the public housing capital fund for large public housing agencies and for foreclosure mitigation activities.