

# Sen. Ed Markey

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

14.9% live in poverty

20.5% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

12.5% live in households receiving SNAP

13.5% are facing food insecurity

0.9% lack health insurance

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

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Small Business and

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

### Markey 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.
- **co-sponsored S.194**, the CHOICE Act, which would provide for a public health insurance option.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored S.783**, the Improving Access to Maternity Care Act, which would provides for the identification of areas of need with respect to maternity care health professionals.
- **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.2253**, the CHIP Mental Health Parity Act, which would provide for parity within the Children's Health Insurance Program for mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment.
- **co-sponsored S.2415**, the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act, which would streamline the process for children with complex medical needs seeking medical care across state lines through Medicaid or CHIP.

### Markey 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.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.

### **Markey on Child Welfare**

- **co-sponsored S.937**, the Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act, which would make the tax credit for adoption expenses refundable.

### **Markey 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.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.
- **sponsored S.2087**, the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act, which would provide delivery of high-quality special education and related services to students with visual disabilities or who are deaf or hard of hearing or deaf-blind.
- **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.

### **Markey 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.

### **Markey on Gun Reform**

- **sponsored S.1915**, the Handgun Trigger Safety Act, which would provide for development and implementation of technology to limit use of handguns to authorized users.
- **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.
- **sponsored S.2546**, the MASS Act, which would require states to adopt firearms licensing standards.

### **Markey on Nutrition**

- **co-sponsored S.2477**, the SNAP Work Opportunities and Veteran Protection Act, which would exempt SNAP recipients from the program's work requirements if they aren't first offered a position in a state job training or workfare program.

- **co-sponsored S.2723**, the SNAP for Kids Act, which would increase SNAP benefits for children by changing the method by which benefits are calculated.

#### **Markey on Early Childhood**

- **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.

#### **Markey 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.