

# Sen. Rand Paul

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- **voted for [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

25.7% live in poverty

35.1% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

16.9% live in households receiving SNAP

20% are facing food insecurity

3.2% lack health insurance

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

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Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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

### Paul 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 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.
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- **co-sponsored [S.106](#)**, the ObamaCare Repeal Act, which would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- **co-sponsored [S.147](#)**, the Obamacare Taxpayer Bailout Prevention Act, which would repeal a provision of the Affordable Care Act that requires qualified health plans to participate in a payment adjustment system.
- **sponsored [S.222](#)**, the Obamacare Replacement Act, which would repeal provisions of the Affordable Care Act and provide private health insurance reform.

### Paul 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 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.

### Paul on Child Welfare

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Child Welfare. To learn more visit [www.paul.senate.gov](http://www.paul.senate.gov) or call this member's office at 202-224-4343.

### Paul 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.
- **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.

### Paul 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.
- **co-sponsored [S.329](#)**, the MERCY Act, which would restrict the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in federal custody.
- **sponsored [S.827](#)**, 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 also prohibits solitary room confinement in juvenile facilities in cases not involving substantial risk of harm.

- **co-sponsored S.866**, the Prohibiting Detention of Youth Status Offenders Act, which would eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders.
- **sponsored S.1127**, the Justice Safety Valve Act, which would amend the criminal code to allow judges discretion to impose sentences below the statutory minimum.
- **co-sponsored S.1917**, the National Criminal Justice Commission Act, which would reform sentencing laws and corrections and include provisions on parole for juveniles, sealing of juvenile records, and juvenile solitary confinement.

#### **Paul on Gun Reform**

- **sponsored S.2486**, the Safe Students Act, which would repeal the Gun-Free School Zones Act.

#### **Paul on Nutrition**

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Nutrition. To learn more visit [www.paul.senate.gov](http://www.paul.senate.gov) or call this member's office at 202-224-4343.

#### **Paul on Early Childhood**

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

#### **Paul on Housing**

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Housing. To learn more visit [www.paul.senate.gov](http://www.paul.senate.gov) or call this member's office at 202-224-4343.