

Sen. Rob Portman

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- **voted for [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

22.1% live in poverty

29.2% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

14.8% live in households receiving SNAP

21.9% are facing food insecurity

3.6% lack health insurance

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

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

Portman on Health Care

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- **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.1148](#)**, the CRIB Act, which would allow a state Medicaid program to cover inpatient or outpatient services at a residential pediatric recovery center for infants with neonatal drug withdrawal symptoms and their families.
- **co-sponsored [S.1859](#)**, the Healthcare Tax Relief Act, which would extend the moratorium on the annual fee on health insurance providers.
- **sponsored [S.2456](#)**, the CARA 2.0 Act, which would reauthorize the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and introduce new efforts to fight the opioid crisis.

Portman 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.

Portman 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.
- **co-sponsored [S.1357](#)**, the Family-Based Care Services Act, which would provide funding for therapeutic family care services in Medicaid. Such programs provide parents, caregivers, or foster families with training necessary to care for children with mental illness, emotional or behavioral disorders, or other conditions.
- **co-sponsored [S.1795](#)**, the Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act, which would improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster care children and youth.

Portman on PreK-12 Education

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- **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.

- **co-sponsored S.628**, the Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act, which would modify the program for federal assistance for career and technical education to require high quality secondary education programming.
- **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.

Portman 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.

Portman on Gun Reform

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Guns. To learn more visit www.portman.senate.gov or call this member's office at 202-224-3353.

Portman on Nutrition

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Portman on Early Childhood

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Portman on Housing

- **co-sponsored S.434**, the Housing for Homeless Students Act, which allows homeless youth who are full-time students to qualify for the low income housing tax credit.
- **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.