

Rep. Terri Sewell

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

41.3% live in poverty

62.3% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

24% live in households receiving SNAP

28.3% are facing food insecurity

1.4% lack health insurance

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

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

Sewell 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.1318**, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, which would create a committee to review maternal and infant mortality and fund demonstration programs to study potential interventions.
- **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 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.1757**, the Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act, which would establish institutions to address the psychological, developmental, social, and emotional needs of children, youth, and families who have experienced trauma.
- **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 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.3258**, the Marketplace Certainty Act, which would increase subsidies for individuals who purchase health insurance on state exchanges.
- **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.4541**, the CHAMPION KIDS Act, which would extend funding for a number of health programs, including CHIP and community health centers.
- **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.5761**, the Ending Maternal Mortality Act, which would require the Department of Health and Human Services to publish every two years a plan for reducing the maternal mortality rate.

Sewell 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.

Sewell on Child Welfare

- **co-sponsored H.R.253**, the Family First Prevention Services Act, which would amend foster care laws to increase the likelihood of children remaining with their families rather than being placed in the foster care system. This bill became law as a part of H.R. 1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act.
- **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 and co-sponsored 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3410**, the SIMARRA Act, which would establish a pilot program to allow incarcerated women and children born during incarceration to reside together in a separate prison housing unit.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3525**, the Home Visiting Works Act, which would reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program for 5 years without a state-matching provision. MIECHV was eventually reauthorized for five years without a state matching requirement as a part of H.R.1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act.

Sewell 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.2475**, the Rebuild America's Schools Act, which would provide funds for improvements to public school facilities.
- **voted for 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.

Sewell on Juvenile Justice

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Juvenile Justice. To learn more visit sewell.house.gov or call this member's office at 202-225-2665.

Sewell 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.1478**, the Gun Violence Research Act, which would permit the Department of Health and Human Services to sponsor research on gun violence.

Sewell 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.4855**, the SNAP Healthy Incentives Act, which would provide financial incentives for SNAP participants to purchase fruits and vegetables.

Sewell 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.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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3842**, the Healthy Start Reauthorization Act, which would reauthorize the Healthy Start for Infants Program, which directs resources to areas with high infant mortality rates.

Sewell on Housing

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