

# Rep. Danny Davis

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- **voted against [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market.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

37.3% live in poverty

38.3% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

13.9% live in households receiving SNAP

22.8% are facing food insecurity

3.1% lack health insurance

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

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## Rep. Davis's Actions in CDF's Core Policy Areas

### Davis 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.
- **did not vote on 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 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.
- **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 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.3258**, the Marketplace Certainty Act, which would increase subsidies for individuals who purchase health insurance on state exchanges.
- **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.4541**, the CHAMPION KIDS Act, which would extend funding for a number of health programs, including CHIP and community health centers.

### Davis 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.1000**, the Jobs for All Act, which would provide for grants to support employment opportunities and workforce investment programs.

- **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.2208**, the Creating Pathways for Youth Employment Act, which would fund job programs for youths between the ages of 14 and 24.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2209**, the Helping to Encourage Real Opportunities (HERO) for At-Risk Youth Act, which would modify the work opportunity tax credit to include at-risk youth and increase the amount of the credit for youth employees.
- **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.
- **sponsored H.R.3381**, the Child Poverty Reduction Act, which would create a working group to develop a national strategy for eliminating child poverty.
- **sponsored H.R.3465**, the Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act, which would modify several safety net programs to expand benefits for custodial and non-custodial parents and improve compliance with child support obligations and parenting; the bill would also create a grant program for communities to support domestic violence prevention.

### Davis on Child Welfare

- **co-sponsored H.R.2060**, the Improved Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act, which would expand the work opportunity tax credit to include foster care transition youth.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2069**, the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act, which would prioritize housing benefits for youths aging out of the foster care system.
- **sponsored H.R.2236**, the Foster and Homeless Youth Food Security Act, which would loosen SNAP work requirements for foster care and homeless youth who are enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher learning.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2476**, the Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act, which would make the tax credit for adoption expenses refundable.
- **sponsored H.R.2512**, the Foster Youth and Driving Act, which would provide for foster parent training and new appropriations to support children in the foster care system in obtaining a driver's license.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2640**, the Every Child Deserves a Family Act, which would prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in adoption and the foster care system.
- **sponsored H.R.2681**, the Foster EITC Act, which would increase the age range at which the earned income tax credit is allowed to former foster children and other individuals without qualifying children.
- **sponsored H.R.2682**, the Supporting Foster Youth in Successful Parenting Act, which would expand and clarify programs available to youths in the foster care system who are expectant or parenting.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2742**, the Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act, which would require states to develop an electronic system to expedite adoption or the placement of children in foster care or guardianship.
- **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.
- **sponsored H.R.2834**, the Partnership Grants to Strengthen Families Affected by Parental Substance Abuse Act, which would revise grant programs to improve outcomes for children in families affected by substance abuse.

- **voted for** and **co-sponsored 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2857**, the Supporting Families in Substance Abuse Treatment Act, which would support foster care maintenance payments for children with parents in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse.
- **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.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.3490**, the Supporting Adopted Children and Families Act, which would authorize grants for post-adoption mental health services for children.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3491**, the Protecting Adopted Children Act, which would impose new conditions on states with respect to adoptive parent training and mental health services for adopted children.
- **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.
- **sponsored H.R.3742**, the Fostering Success in Higher Education Act, which would amend the Higher Education Act to provide grants to increase educational opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth.

#### **Davis 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2902**, the IDEA Full Funding Act, which would fully fund part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **did not vote on 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.

#### **Davis on Juvenile Justice**

- **co-sponsored H.R.1432**, the Stopping Unfair Collateral Consequences from Ending Student Success Act, which would repeal the provision of the federal student aid program that suspends eligibility because of drug offenses.
- **co-sponsored H.R.1809**, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, which would reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, reduce the placement of youth in adult jails pre-trial, provide for reduction in racial and ethnic disparities, and incentivize states to end detention of youth with status offenses. The bill would also promote alternatives to incarceration.
- **co-sponsored H.R.2899**, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act, which would revise and reauthorize grant programs regarding offender reentry, substance abuse treatment, and education. The bill would also repeal some diversion programs for drug offenders.

- **sponsored H.R.3578**, the Expungement Act, which would permit the expungement of non-violent criminal offenses under certain conditions.

### Davis 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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3464**, the Background Check Completion Act, which would prohibit the sale of firearms prior to the completion of a background check.
- **co-sponsored H.R.3613**, the Safer Neighborhoods Gun Buyback Act, which would authorize grants for states, local governments, or gun dealers to conduct gun buyback programs.
- **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.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.
- **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.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5162**, the Firearm Safety Act, which would allow the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue safety standards for firearms.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5163**, the Keeping Guns from High-Risk Individuals Act, which would prohibit firearm ownership by certain high-risk individuals including those recently convicted of a violent crime.
- **co-sponsored H.R.5164**, the Urban Progress Act, which would implement rental assistance, subsidized jobs, and improved community policing programs, as well as a number of gun violence prevention measures including stronger background checks and increased research on gun violence.

### Davis 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.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.

### Davis 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.1022**, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, which would provide 6 weeks of paid parental leave to Federal employees.
- **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.

### Davis on Housing

- **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.