

## DEAN HELLER BROKE HIS PROMISE ON MEDICARE

**February 2017: In A YouTube Video Posted On Senator Dean Heller's Account Of Him Testifying At The Senate Finance Committee, Heller Stated That He "Will Not Support Legislation That Does Weaken Medicare."** [00:00:25] HELLER: "And like everybody else -- I would assume on this committee that everybody's a strong supporter of Medicare and I share that. And I will say also that I have not supported, will not support legislation that does weaken Medicare." [YouTube, Senator Dean Heller, [2/16/17](#)]

## SOON AFTER, HELLER VOTED WITH PARTY LEADERS TO CUT NEARLY \$500 BILLION FROM MEDICARE

**October 2017: Heller Voted With Mitch McConnell For The 2018 Republican Senate Budget Resolution, Which Slated More Than \$1 Trillion Cuts To Medicare And Medicaid Over Ten Years.** On October 19, 2017, Heller voted for, "Adoption of the concurrent resolution, as amended, that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system." The bill passed by a vote of 51-49. Mitch McConnell voted for the bill. [CQ, [10/19/17](#); H. Con. Res 71, Vote 245, [10/19/17](#); USA Today, [10/20/17](#)]

**Politico: The GOP Budget Resolution Would Cut Medicare Spending By Nearly \$473 Billion Over A Decade.** "Senate Republicans are proposing to slash Medicare spending by \$473 billion over a decade, once again diverging from one of President Donald Trump's key campaign promises, according to Democrats on the Senate Budget Committee. The panel's minority party staff, led by Sen. Bernie Sanders, published the figure in a five-page report, obtained by POLITICO. Although the cuts would occur under the fiscal 2018 budget resolution Senate Republicans unveiled last week, the details are not outlined in any public documents the GOP has released so far. The Republican plan would slash \$5.071 trillion from domestic programs over a decade, but it provides almost no detail on what accounts would be targeted." [Politico, [10/4/17](#)]

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### DEAN HELLER PROMISED IN A TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE NOT TO TAKE HEALTH CARE AWAY FROM HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEVADANS

**Heller: "I'm Telling You Right Now, I Cannot Support A Piece Of Legislation That Takes Insurance Away From Tens Of Millions Of Americans And Hundreds Of Thousands Of Nevadans."** According to comments Heller made at a press conference, "Third, barring significant changes from the CBO, this bill will mean a loss of coverage for millions of Americans, and many Nevadans. I'm telling you right now, I can not support a piece of legislation that takes insurance away from tens of millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Nevadans. And lastly, the goal of healthcare reform should be to lower costs here in Nevada, and I'm not confident that it will achieve that goal. So make no mistake, the ACA does need fixing. But the bill in front of us today, I don't think makes those fixes." [KSNV News 3, Sandoval and Heller Press Conference, [6/23/17](#)]

## DEAN HELLER CAVED TO HIS PARTY LEADERS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS

**President Trump Suggested He Might Help Unseat Any Republicans Who Did Not Support His Health-Care Agenda, Said “[Heller] Wants To Remain A Senator, Doesn’t He?”** “At a lunch with Republican senators Wednesday, Trump and Heller were seated next to each other. As The Post’s David Nakamura reported, the president suggested that he might help unseat any Republicans who did not go along with his health-care agenda. ‘He wants to remain a senator, doesn’t he?’ Trump said with a laugh of Heller, who also chuckled. ‘And I think the people of your state, which I know very well, I think they’re going to appreciate what you hopefully will do.’” [Washington Post, [7/19/17](#)]

**Mike Allen: “Republicans Keep Telling Me Sen. Dean Heller Of Nevada, A Third Apparent ‘Nay,’ Will Be ‘Bought Off.’”** “With Republicans able to lose only two senators (Vice President Pence then breaks the tie), Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Rand Paul of Kentucky remain hard ‘no’s. Republicans keep telling me Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, a third apparent ‘nay,’ will be ‘bought off.’” [Axios, Axios AM, Mike Allen, [7/14/17](#)]

**NBC News: Mitch McConnell Pressured Dean Heller Over His Health Care Repeal Support.** “Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is a critical vote to get. He was the first to come out last round saying he couldn’t support the bill. ‘It’s going to be very difficult to get me to a yes,’ Heller said on June 23 during a news conference standing next to Nevada’s very popular Republican governor, Brian Sandoval. Even though nothing that would specifically benefit Nevada changed in the latest version of the bill, Heller didn’t outright pan it and said discussions continue. ‘At this point the conversations that I’ve had with the Leader have been very, very good. I would anticipate I’ll have continued conversations with him throughout the weekend,’ he said. Pressure from McConnell and the administration is not only focused on Heller but on Sandoval as well.” [NBC News, [7/14/17](#)]

**Billionaires Adelson And Wynn Called Heller To Complain About His Opposition To The Republican Health Care Bill.** “Mr. Adelson and Mr. Wynn, two of Las Vegas’s leading gambling titans, each contacted Mr. Heller at the request of the White House last week to complain about his opposition to the Republican-written health overhaul, according to multiple Republican officials. One ally of Mr. Heller’s acknowledged that Mr. Adelson and Mr. Wynn were unhappy with the senator at the moment and that their relationship needed some repair work.” [New York Times, [6/30/17](#)]

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### **Heller Broke This Promise When He Voted In Favor Of The Motion To Proceed On AHCA, The House Repeal And Replace Plan**

**Heller Voted In Favor Of The Senate Motion To Proceed With The American Health Care Act.** The motion vote tied 50-50, the Vice President voted yea to break the tie. [CQ, [7/25/17](#), Senate Roll Call Vote, Vote 167, [7/25/17](#)]

- **The AHCA Would Cause 308,000 Nevadans To Lose Their Health Insurance By 2022.** According to the Urban Institute, 308,000 additional Nevadans would be uninsured by 2022 if the AHCA was signed into law. [Urban Institute, [6/2017](#)]

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## Heller Broke This Promise When He Cosponsored The Graham-Cassidy-Heller Repeal and Replace Health Care Plan Because It Would Take Health Care Away From Tens Of Millions Of Americans And Hundreds Of Thousands Of Nevadans.”

**Heller Was An Original Cosponsor Of The Graham Cassidy Amendment To Repeal And Replace The Affordable Care Act.** “Nevada Sen. Dean Heller — considered one of a handful of Republican swing votes that will make or break efforts to pass a measure substantially overhauling the Affordable Care Act — has signed on to an alternative plan designed to shift federal funding and more decision-making authority to individual states. The amendment, originally proposed by South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham and Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, would keep most of the taxes from the ACA in place but send the money raised from those taxes to the states in the form of block grants. States would be allowed to use the money to create state-specific programs to provide health insurance.” [Nevada Independent, [7/27/17](#); S.Amdt. 586, [7/27/17](#)]

- **Center For American Progress Projected That The Graham Cassidy Heller Johnson Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act Would Result In 243,000 Nevadans Losing Health Coverage By 2027.** According to an analysis conducted by the Center for American Progress, the Graham Cassidy Heller Johnson Bill would cause 32 million people nationwide to lose health insurance by 2027, with 243,000 of those being from Nevada. [Center for American Progress, [9/20/17](#)]
- **Center For American Progress Projected That The Graham Cassidy Heller Johnson Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act Would Result In 32 Million Americans Losing Health Coverage By 2027.** According to an analysis conducted by the Center for American Progress, the Graham Cassidy Heller Johnson Bill would cause 32 million people nationwide to lose health insurance by 2027, with 243,000 of those being from Nevada. [Center for American Progress, [9/20/17](#)]

## HELLER SUPPORTED ENDING PROTECTIONS FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

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**PolitiFact: Graham-Cassidy-Heller “The GOP Alternative To Obamacare, Weakens Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.”** [PolitiFact, [9/22/17](#)]

**CBPP: Graham-Cassidy-Heller “Eliminates Or Weakens Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.”** “The latest version of the bill makes changes to the formula for allocating block grant funding among the states, thereby increasing allotments for some states at the expense of others. It also adds new funding provisions that benefit specific states. But the bill’s core features remain unchanged: it still eliminates the ACA’s Medicaid expansion and marketplace subsidies and replaces them with an inadequate block grant; still ends block grant funding after 2026, creating a massive federal funding cliff that would result in huge coverage losses; still imposes a Medicaid per capita cap that results in large and growing cuts to Medicaid funding for seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children; still eliminates or weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions; and still imposes a highly unrealistic implementation timeline that would likely leave many or most states’ insurance markets and coverage programs in chaos.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/25/17](#)]