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LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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THE FIRST FOCUS CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

As the first session of the 119th Congress comes to a close, one truth stands out: children are not being treated as a national priority in Washington.

At a time when children are facing rising poverty, widening inequities, mental health crises, and increasing threats to their health, nutrition, and education, this report honors the 120 Champions and Defenders of Children — even as Congress as a whole has largely failed children through both inaction and openly hostile measures.

For example, the share of the federal budget devoted to children continues to decline, from a high of 11.98% in fiscal year (FY) 2021 to 8.57% in FY 2025, even as children and families struggle to afford basic necessities. Instead of acting to improve the lives and well-being of children, congressional leadership and President Trump enacted legislation this year that slashed investments in Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — two of the most important lifelines for children — and moved to weaken or dismantle the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, USAID, and other agencies that exist to serve and protect young people. In other words, this was not just a year of missed opportunities for children — it was a year in which Congress made choices that made children’s lives harder, poorer, and less secure.

And yet, in the face of these headwinds, something else is also true.

There are members of Congress who consistently stood up for children.

This year’s Champions and Defenders of Children include 120 lawmakers — 60 Champions and 60 Defenders — who repeatedly used their voices, votes, and leadership to advance the best interests of children. Across issues ranging from child poverty and nutrition to health care, education, child welfare, and safety, these senators and representatives did not treat children as an afterthought or a political bargaining chip. They made children a first focus. Champions for Children are those who consistently pursued policies that put children first across a broad range of issues. Defenders of Children are those who, again and again, stepped forward to protect kids from harm and to support their well-being when it mattered most. In a Congress where children were often overlooked — or actively targeted for harm — these members provided a vital line of defense.

At the same time, we recognize that many other members of Congress also took important actions for children this year. Some cast key votes, sponsored or cosponsored meaningful legislation, or worked behind the scenes to support children and families in critical moments. We are grateful for those efforts, and we applaud every lawmaker who helped move children’s priorities forward in any way.

Unfortunately, there is also a third group in Congress who consistently used the power of their office in ways that fail children. Some did so through neglect — by failing to prioritize and stand up for children when it mattered most. Others went even further — sponsoring, cosponsoring, and voting for legislation that would actively cut children off

from health care, take food from hungry children and families, undermine public education, weaken child protections, and roll back the systems that exist to help children grow, learn, and thrive.

Children feel the consequences of those choices every day.

That is why this Legislative Scorecard matters.

By shining a light on who is showing up for kids, the First Focus Campaign for Children's Legislative Scorecard is designed to provide recognition for those who constantly and repeatedly have stood up to champion and defend children when they need it the most. It is a tool for parents, advocates, and the public to thank those who are leading for children, to encourage others to do more, and to insist that every Member of Congress take their obligation to the next generation seriously.

Children cannot wait for another Congress to get it right. Lawmakers have another year in this 119th session of Congress to do what is needed.

The reality is that until every child has the health care, nutrition, education, safety, and opportunity they deserve, kids will need far more Champions and Defenders in Congress. Our Legislative Scorecard highlights more than 100 bills that Congress can and should act on right now. Consider it a roadmap for members of Congress who make the choice to commit to kids.

That roadmap is in black, white, and green in the following pages.

METHODOLOGY

First Focus Campaign for Children's Legislative Scorecard is intended as a tool to hold federal policymakers accountable for representing and addressing the needs of the nation's children. The FFCC Legislative Scorecard is based on a points system that has been innovative since its creation in 2010. Points are awarded to lawmakers for introducing, sponsoring, or cosponsoring legislation of importance to children or for taking key votes in support of the "best interests of children." Furthermore, points are taken away when members of Congress introduce, sponsor, or cosponsor bills or take votes that would be harmful to children.

Other scorecards may measure positions on votes and legislation that have some impact on children. The FFCC Scorecard, however, stands apart because it scores only votes and legislation that primarily or disproportionately impact children. This criteria makes the FFCC Scorecard the most child-focused evaluation of lawmakers and legislation, and reflects lawmakers' support or lack of support for the "best interests of children" more accurately than other more general scorecards.

As the leading bipartisan voice for the nation's children, First Focus Campaign for Children also highlights in our scorecard the most extensive array of issues that impact children.

» **Key Votes:** Accompanying our Legislative Scorecard is a "Key Votes" section, which lists the votes that were scored in this legislative session. Members receive extra points if they show political courage to vote in the best interests of children despite an opposing position from a majority of their own party. Find the list of 2025 Key Votes for and against children on page 8.

» **Key Bills:** The FFCC Legislative Scorecard also lists the bills scored, all of which were chosen because they significantly or predominantly impact children. The FFCC Legislative Scorecard recognizes that lawmakers often negotiate and make decisions on legislation well before House and Senate votes. Consequently, rather than just tracking votes on bills and amendments, the FFCC Legislative Scorecard applies a more in-depth analytical framework.

Our scorecard awards points to policymakers based on their sponsorship and cosponsorship of key legislation that helps children, and original sponsors receive more points. We subtract points from lawmakers who sponsor or co-sponsor bills that harm children. The dates covered by this scorecard are January 3, 2025 to December 5, 2025. Find the list of 2025 Key Bills for and against children on page 12.

Finally, we also award points based on actions such as major letters, floor speeches, and hearings that policymakers engage in that would positively or negatively affect children.



**KEY
VOTES
1st Session**

Senate Roll Call Vote 411

FFCC Position: OPPOSE (Passed by a vote of 51-48)

On the Passage of the bill, the Rescissions Act of 2025

House Roll Call Vote 168

FFCC Position: OPPOSE (Passed by a vote of 214-212)

On the Passage of the bill, the Rescissions Act of 2025

House Roll Call Vote 271

FFCC Position: OPPOSE (Passed by a vote of 225-203)

On the Passage of the bill, the to lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age.

Senate Roll Call Vote 72

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 49-51)

On the Ossoff Amendment to SCR7

To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting access to maternal and pediatric health care through Medicaid.

Senate Roll Call Vote 172

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 48-51)

On the Reed Amendment to HCR14

To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preventing reduction in enrollment or benefits for individuals enrolled in Medicaid, including seniors, children, families, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and military families.

Senate Roll Call Vote 183

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 49-50)

On the Kim Amendment to HCR14

To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent increased barriers to American caregivers, including individuals caring for seniors, children, home care workers, and individuals engaged in the care economy.

Senate Roll Call Vote 186

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 49-50)

On the Baldwin Amendment to HCR14

To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preventing a reduction in Medicaid funding that could lead to rural hospital closures, cost increases for individuals with other kinds of insurance, or higher rates of uncompensated care.

Senate Roll Call Vote 189

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 49-50)

On the Wyden Amendment to HCR14

To strike section 2001(b)(4) relating to reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives to cut \$880,000,000,000 from Medicaid.

Senate Roll Call Vote 358

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 50-50)

On the Hirono Amendment to HB1

To eliminate a program of qualified elementary and secondary education scholarships for public, private, or religious schools.

Senate Roll Call Vote 393

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 49-50)

On the Coons Amendment to HB4

To strike the recession of amounts made available for international disaster assistance, to ensure the United States can compete with China and maintain our long tradition of providing lifesaving aid.

Senate Roll Call Vote 400

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 46-51)

On the Schiff Amendment to HB4

To reduce the amount rescinded from Global Health programs to preserve funding for programs addressing diseases.

Senate Roll Call Vote 402

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 48-51)

On the Rosen Amendment to HB4

To strike the rescission of funds appropriated for Global Health programs, including family planning and reproductive health.

Senate Roll Call Vote 404

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 48-51)

On the Booker Amendment to HB4

To strike the rescission of funds appropriated for the Feed the Future Program to improve global food security and agricultural resiliency and support agriculture research that benefits United States agribusinesses and universities.

Senate Roll Call Vote 405

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Tabled by a vote of 51-47)

On the Collins Amendment to HB4

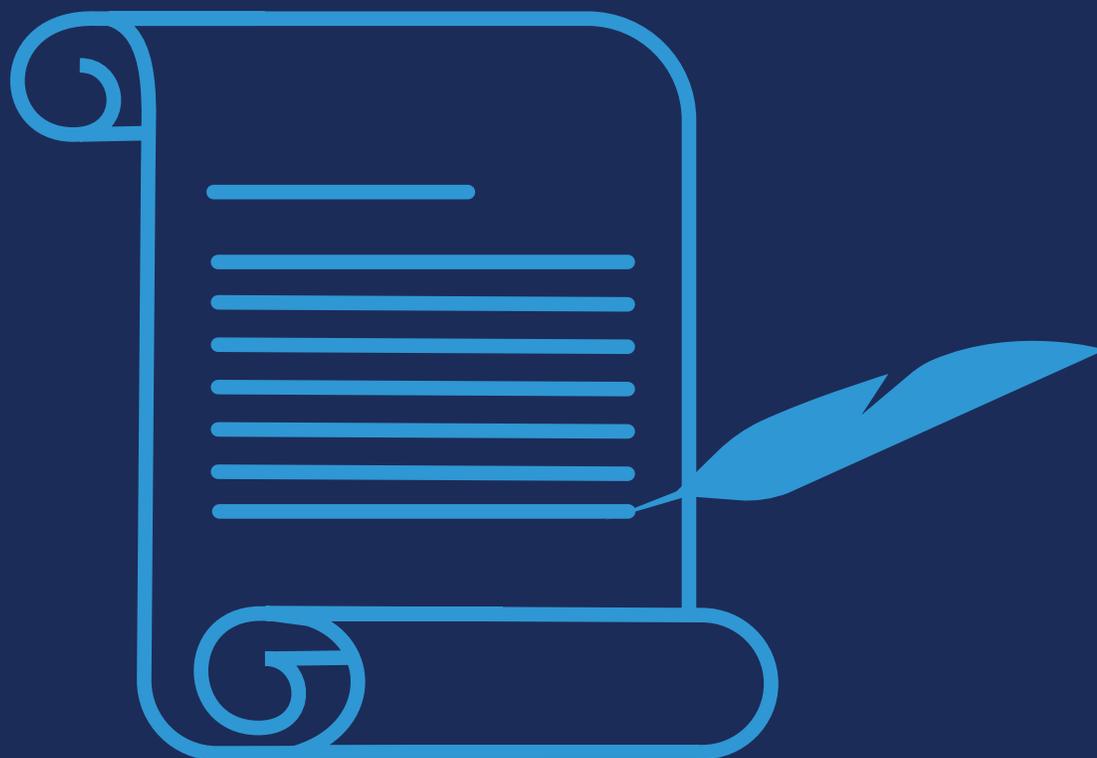
To strike the rescission of funds appropriated for UNICEF (\$294,920,000).

Senate Roll Call Vote 408

FFCC Position: SUPPORT (Failed by a vote of 48-51)

On the Ossoff Amendment to HB4

To reduce the amount rescinded from International Organizations and Programs and to ensure that UNICEF receives all of the funding previously appropriated to it by Congress.



KEY BILLS

1st Session

H.J.Res. 127, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Mary E. Miller [R-IL], Sheri Biggs [R-SC], Ashley Hinson [R-IA], Mike Collins [R-GA]

H.R.E.S. 81, Commending efforts to eradicate the wild poliovirus.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Steve Cohen [D-TN], Emanuel Cleaver [D-MO]

H.Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Maxine Waters [D-CA], Robin L. Kelly [D-IL]

H.Res. 525, Affirming the role of the United States in eliminating sexual violence in conflict.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Grace Meng [D-NY], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL]

H.Res. 564, Calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Michael T. McCaul [R-TX], Gregory W. Meeks [D-NY]

H.Res. 585, Recognizing the threat of extreme weather to children's health and well-being, and expressing the sense of Congress that solutions must be rapidly and equitably developed and deployed to address the unique vulnerabilities and needs of children.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jennifer L. McClellan [D-VA], Kathy Castor [D-FL]

H.Res. 683, Supporting the designation of the week of September 8 through September 12, 2025, as "Malnutrition Awareness Week".

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Don Bacon [R-NE], James P. McGovern [D-MA], Michael Lawler [R-NY], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], Bonnie Watson Coleman [D-NJ], Jill N. Tokuda [D-HI]

H.Res. 817, Supporting the designation of October 16, 2025, and October 16, 2026, as "World Food Day".

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Chellie Pingree [D-ME], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL], James P. McGovern [D-MA]

H.Res. 848, Supporting the role of the United States in helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in low-income countries with vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (“Gavi”).

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Thomas H. Kean [R-NJ], Gabe Amo [D-RI]

H.R. 4, Rescissions Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Steve Scalise [R-LA]

H.R. 32, No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Nick LaLota [R-NY], Randy Feenstra [R-IA]

H.R. 114, Responsible Path to Full Obamacare Repeal Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Andy Biggs [R-AZ]

H.R. 547, No Child Tax Credit for Illegals Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jefferson Van Drew [R-NJ], Elijah Crane [R-AZ], Harriet M. Hageman [R-WY], Andy Biggs [R-AZ], Troy E. Nehls [R-TX], Pete Sessions [R-TX], Nicholas J. Begich [R-AK]

H.R. 569, Birthright Citizenship Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Brian Babin [R-TX], Dan Crenshaw [R-TX], Earl L. “Buddy” Carter [R-GA], Derrick Van Orden [R-WI], Dale W. Strong [R-AL], Warren Davidson [R-OH], Ben Cline [R-VA]

H.R. 584, No Medicaid for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Kevin Kiley [R-CA]

H.R. 646, Build Housing with Care Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR]

H.R. 650, Families’ Rights and Responsibilities Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Virginia Foxx [R-NC], Randy K. Sr. Weber [R-TX], John W. Rose [R-TN], Mary E. Miller [R-IL], Gus M. Bilirakis [R-FL], Clay Higgins [R-LA], Brett Guthrie [R-KY]

H.R. 778, Safeguarding American Workers’ Benefits Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Clay Higgins [R-LA], Ben Cline [R-VA], Warren Davidson [R-OH], Andrew S. Clyde [R-GA], Ralph Norman [R-SC], Randy K. Sr. Weber [R-TX], Thomas P. Tiffany [R-WI]

H.R. 820, Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Eric Swalwell [D-CA], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL], Brittany Pettersen [D-CO], Anna Paulina Luna [R-FL]

H.R. 833, Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Adrian Smith [R-NE]

H.R. 869, Keep Our PACT Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Susie Lee [D-NV]

H.R. 1061, Protecting Sensitive Locations Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Adriano Espaillat [D-NY], Sylvia Garcia [D-TX], Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Jesús "Chuy" García [D-IL]

H.R. 1144, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Christopher H. Smith [R-NJ], Kweisi Mfume [D-MD], Michael T. McCaul [R-TX], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL]

H.R. 1195, Protect Medicaid Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Richard Hudson [R-NC], Dan Crenshaw [R-TX]

H.R. 1197, PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Robin L. Kelly [D-IL], Mariannette Miller-Meeks [R-IA], Lizzie Fletcher [D-TX], Earl L. "Buddy" Carter [R-GA], Shontel M. Brown [D-OH], Jennifer A. Kiggans [R-VA]

H.R. 1428, Poverty Line Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kevin Mullin [D-CA], Eleanor Holmes Norton [D-DC], Janice D. Schakowsky [D-IL], Seth Magaziner [D-RI], Rashida Tlaib [D-MI], Bonnie Watson Coleman [D-NJ], Jimmy Gomez [D-CA]

H.R. 1433, Kids' Access to Primary Care Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kim Schrier [D-WA], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], Kathy Castor [D-FL]

H.R. 1435, Family-to-Family Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Mikie Sherrill [D-NJ], Monica De La Cruz [R-TX]

H.R. 1589, American Dream and Promise Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Sylvia R. Garcia [D-TX], Nydia M. Velázquez [D-NY], Yvette D. Clarke [D-NY], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL], Zoe Lofgren [D-CA], Pramila Jayapal [D-WA], Lou Correa [D-CA], Judy Chu [D-CA], Delia C. Ramirez [D-IL]

H.R. 1638, CROWN Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Bonnie Watson Coleman [D-NJ], Nikema Williams [D-GA], Jennifer L. McClellan [D-VA], Adam Smith [D-WA], Henry C. "Hank" Johnson [D-GA], Delia C. Ramirez [D-IL], Emanuel Cleaver [D-MO]

H.R. 1735, Early Action and Responsiveness Lifts Youth Minds Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. August Pfluger [R-TX], Kathy Castor [D-FL], John Joyce [R-PA], Kim Schrier [D-WA]

H.R. 1826, Child Care Workforce Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Salud O. Carbajal [D-CA], Michael Lawler [R-NY]

H.R. 1901, CHIPP Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Nanette Diaz Barragán [D-CA], Henry C. "Hank" Johnson [D-GA], Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Steve Cohen [D-TN], Kathy Castor [D-FL], Janice D. Schakowsky [D-IL], Juan Vargas [D-CA]

H.R. 1909, Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter [R-GA], Diana DeGette [D-CO], Robin L. Kelly [D-IL], Kat Cammack [R-FL], Kathy Castor [D-FL], Ryan Mackenzie [R-PA]

H.R. 2339, Children's Health Protection Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jerrold Nadler [D-NY], John Garamendi [D-CA], Kathy Castor [D-FL]

H.R. 2439, Support UNFPA Funding Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Chrissy Houlahan [D-PA], Gwen Moore [D-WI]

H.R. 2595, Building Child Care for a Better Future Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Danny K. Davis [D-IL], Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Gwen Moore [D-WI], Stacey E. Plaskett [D-VI], Steven Horsford [D-NV]

H.R. 2598, IDEA Full Funding Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jared Huffman [D-CA], Don Bacon [R-NE]

H.R. 2636, Making Insulin Affordable for All Children Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Greg Landsman [D-OH]

H.R. 2680, Expanding Access to School Meals Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Josh Gottheimer [D-NJ]

H.R. 2743, Raise the Wage Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott [D-VA], Greg Casar [D-TX], Jahana Hayes [D-CT], Lucy McBath [D-GA], Gwen Moore [D-WI], Donald S. Beyer [D-VA], Frank J. Mrvan [D-IN]

H.R. 2753, Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Brendan F. Boyle [D-PA], Frank Pallone [D-NJ], Angie Craig [D-MN], Greg Casar [D-TX], Bradley Scott Schneider [D-IL], J. Luis Correa [D-CA]

H.R. 2763, American Family Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Rosa L. DeLauro [D-CT], Suzan K. DelBene [D-WA], Ritchie Torres [D-NY]

H.R. 2818, Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Ryan Mackenzie [R-PA]

H.R. 2994, Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Enhancement Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Danny K. Davis [D-IL], Suzan K. DelBene [D-WA], Linda T. Sánchez [D-CA]

H.R. 3227, Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Zoe Lofgren [D-CA], Dan Newhouse [R-WA], Michael K. Simpson [R-ID], Jim Costa [D-CA], David G. Valadao [R-CA], Adam Gray [D-CA]

H.R. 3335, Children Don't Belong on Tobacco Farms Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro [D-CT]

H.R. 3508, End Diaper Need Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Rosa L. DeLauro [D-CT], Bonnie Watson Coleman [D-NJ]

H.R. 3605, Strength in Diversity Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott [D-VA]

H.R. 3762, Supporting Healthy Moms and Babies Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jared F. Golden [D-ME], Young Kim [R-CA], Jennifer L. McClellan [D-VA], David G. Valadao [R-CA]

H.R. 3763, Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jimmy Gomez [D-CA], Adriano Espaillat [D-NY], Zoe Lofgren [D-CA]

H.R. 3910, Empowering Parents' Healthcare Choices Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Sharice Davids [D-KS], Gabe Evans [R-CO]

H.R. 3921, STOP CSAM Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Barry Moore [R-AL], Sylvia R. Garcia [D-TX]

H.R. 3947, Easy Enrollment in Health Care Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Ami Bera [D-CA]

H.R. 3995, State Public Option Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Kim Schrier [D-WA]

H.R. 3997, Protecting Children Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott [D-VA], Ilhan Omar [D-MN], Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR], Morgan McGarvey [D-KY]

H.R. 4028, Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Debbie Dingell [D-MI], Frank Pallone [D-NJ]

H.R. 4086, Autism Family Caregivers Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Dave Min [D-CA], Grace Meng [D-NY], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], Henry Cuellar [D-TX], Don Bacon [R-NE], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL], J. Luis Correa [D-CA]

H.R. 4104, Health Equity and Access under the Law for Immigrant Families Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Pramila Jayapal [D-WA], Nanette Diaz Barragán [D-CA]

H.R. 4113, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Christopher H. Smith [R-NJ], Kweisi Mfume [D-MD], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL]

H.R. 4150, Advancing Maternal Health Equity Under Medicaid Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Nikema Williams [D-GA]

H.R. 4186, Connecting Students with Mental Health Services Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Raja Krishnamoorthi [D-IL], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], Greg Landsman [D-OH], Michael Lawler [R-NY], Janelle S. Bynum [D-OR]

H.R. 4330, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the Early Childhood Education Trust Fund consisting of amounts paid for the estate tax and made available to fund child care services, and for other purposes.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Sara Jacobs [D-CA]

H.R. 4388, PREP Repeal Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Thomas Massie [R-KY], Paul A. Gosar [R-AZ]

H.R. 4418, Child Care for Working Families Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott [D-VA]

H.R. 4569, Supporting Premature Infant Nutrition Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Morgan McGarvey [D-KY], Rosa L. DeLauro [D-CT], Raja Krishnamoorthi [D-IL]

H.R. 4641, Keep Kids Covered Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kathy Castor [D-FL], Derek Tran [D-CA]

H.R. 4654, Baby Sleep Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Shomari Figures [D-AL], Jimmy Gomez [D-CA], Derek Tran [D-CA], Suhas Subramanyam [D-VA]

H.R. 4666, Baby Clothing Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Jimmy Gomez [D-CA]

H.R. 4674, Baby Hygiene Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Steven Horsford [D-NV], Jimmy Gomez [D-CA], Suhas Subramanyam [D-VA], Derek Tran [D-CA], Shomari Figures [D-AL], Bradley Scott Schneider [D-IL]

H.R. 4726, Educational Toy Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Bradley Scott Schneider [D-IL]

H.R. 4732, Orphanage Trafficking Prevention and Protection Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Christopher H. Smith [R-NJ], Kweisi Mfume [D-MD], Maria Elvira Salazar [R-FL]

H.R. 4738, Baby Safety Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Suhas Subramanyam [D-VA]

H.R. 4746, Baby Food Tax Relief Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Derek Tran [D-CA]

H.R. 4888, Reproductive Rights are Human Rights Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Julie Johnson [D-TX], Sara Jacobs [D-CA]

H.R. 5075, GRACE Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Reps. W. Gregory Steube [R-FL], Mary E. Miller [R-IL], Paul A. Gosar [R-AZ], Thomas Massie [R-KY], Daniel Webster [R-FL], Anna Paulina Luna [R-FL], Barry Moore [R-AL]

H.R. 5123, Indoor Air Quality and Healthy Schools Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Paul Tonko [D-NY], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA]

H.R. 5140, To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age.

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Brandon Gill [R-TX]

H.R. 5242, To repeal the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2022 and the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016.

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Rep. David Kustoff [R-TN]

H.R. 5390, FAMILY Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Rosa L. DeLauro [D-CT], Richie Neal [D-MA], Lauren Underwood [D-IL], Sarah McBride [D-DE]

H.R. 5557, Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Andrea Salinas [D-OR], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA]

H.R. 5658, Child Care for Every Community Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Mikie Sherrill [D-NJ], Sara Jacobs [D-CA]

H.R. 5797, Designating the Russian Federation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], William R. Keating [D-MA]

H.R. 6054, Fairness to Kids with Cancer Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA], Dwight Evans [D-PA], Mike Kelly [R-PA], Susie Lee [D-NV], Elise M. Stefanik [R-NY], Josh Gottheimer [D-NJ]

H.R. 6138, To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program for partnerships between covered basic needs banks and military installations to provide diapers and diapering supplies to military families, and for other purposes.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Valerie P. Foushee [D-NC], Ryan Mackenzie [R-PA]

H.R. 6234, To establish a baby bonus program.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Rashida Tlaib [D-MI], Eleanor Holmes Norton [D-DC], Summer L. Lee [D-PA], LaMonica McIver [D-NJ], Ilhan Omar [D-MN], Shri Thanedar [D-MI], Bonnie Watson Coleman [D-NJ]

H.R. 6347, Global Child Thrive Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Joaquin Castro [D-TX], Richard McCormick [R-GA], Johnny Olszewski [D-MD], Brian K. Fitzpatrick [R-PA]

S.J.Res. 82, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to “Policy on Adhering to the Text of the Administrative Procedure Act”.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Angus S., Jr. King [I-ME], Ron Wyden [D-OR]

S.Res. 106, A resolution supporting the goals of International Women’s Day.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH], Susan M. Collins [R-ME]

S.Res. 110, A resolution condemning Russia’s illegal abduction of Ukrainian children.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Richard J. Durbin [D-IL]

S.Res. 150, A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month” and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Thomas Tillis [R-NC], Christopher Murphy [D-CT]

S.Res. 236, A resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chuck Grassley [R-IA], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Joni Ernst [R-IA], Richard J. Durbin [D-IL], Roger F. Wicker [R-MS]

S.Res. 378, A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 8 through September 12, 2025, as “Malnutrition Awareness Week”.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Christopher Murphy [D-CT]

S. 204, Families’ Rights and Responsibilities Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Tim Scott [R-SC], James Lankford [R-OK]

S. 260, Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Tammy Duckworth [D-IL], Steve Daines [R-MT], Ted Cruz [R-TX], Mazie Hirono [D-HI]

S. 268, Saving American Workers’ Benefits Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Cindy Hyde-Smith [R-MS], Mike Lee [R-UT]

S. 272, Protect Infant Formula from Contamination Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Gary C. Peters [D-MI], John Hoeven [R-ND]

S. 278, Kids Off Social Media Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz [D-HI], Ted Cruz [R-TX], Christopher Murphy [D-CT], Katie Boyd Britt [R-AL], Peter Welch [D-VT], Ted Budd [R-NC], Angus S., Jr. King [I-ME]

S. 292, Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Bill Cassidy [R-LA]

S. 304, Birthright Citizenship Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Lindsey Graham [R-SC], Ted Cruz [R-TX], Katie Boyd Britt [R-AL]

S. 310, Build Housing with Care Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Ron Wyden [D-OR], Jeff Merkley [D-OR], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Alex Padilla [D-CA], Jacky Rosen [D-NV], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ]

S. 343, Keep Our PACT Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Chris Van Hollen [D-MD]

S. 455, Protecting Sensitive Locations Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Richard J. Durbin [D-IL], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV], Adam B. Schiff [D-CA], Patty Murray [D-WA], Alex Padilla [D-CA], Elizabeth Warren [D-MA], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Martin Heinrich [D-NM], John Hickenlooper [D-CO], Jacky Rosen [D-NV], Tammy Duckworth [D-IL], Bernie Sanders [I-VT], Mazie Hirono [D-HI], Edward J. Markey [D-MA], Brian Schatz [D-HI], Peter Welch [D-VT], Raphael Warnock [D-GA], Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI]

S. 523, Protect Medicaid Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Bill Cassidy [R-LA], John Barrasso [R-WY]

S. 646, Born in the USA Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Jacky Rosen [D-NV], Richard J. Durbin [D-IL]

S. 751, CROWN Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Susan M. Collins [R-ME]

S. 760, Kids' Access to Primary Care Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Patty Murray [D-WA], Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA]

S. 779, EARLY Minds Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Alex Padilla [D-CA], Thomas Tillis [R-NC], Tim Kaine [D-VA], Lisa Murkowski [R-AK]

S. 836, Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Edward J. Markey [D-MA], Bill Cassidy [R-LA]

S. 846, Child Care Workforce Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Katie Boyd Britt [R-AL], Tim Kaine [D-VA]

S. 920, Preventing Child Labor Exploitation in Federal Contracting Act

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Josh Hawley [R-MO], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ]

S. 958, Tech to Save Moms Act

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Ben Ray Lujan [D-NM], Dan Sullivan [R-AK]

S. 968, Rent Relief Act of 2025

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA]

S. 1082, Safeguarding Medicaid Act

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. John Barrasso [R-WY], John Kennedy [R-LA], James Lankford [R-OK], Roger F. Wicker [R-MS], Cynthia M. Lummis [R-WY], Marsha Blackburn [R-TN], Roger Marshall [R-KS]

S. 1234, SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV], Bill Cassidy [R-LA], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Susan M. Collins [R-ME], Margaret Wood Hassan [D-NH], James Lankford [R-OK], Patty Murray [D-WA]

S. 1277, IDEA Full Funding Act

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Chris Van Hollen [D-MD]

S. 1285, Building Child Care for a Better Future Act

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Ron Wyden [D-OR], Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]

S. 1297, Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2025

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Mazie Hirono [D-HI], Michael F. Bennet [D-CO], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Christopher A. Coons [D-DE], Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV], Tammy Duckworth [D-IL]

S. 1332, Raise the Wage Act of 2025

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Bernard Sanders [I-VT], Angela D. Alsobrooks [D-MD], Tammy Baldwin [D-WI], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Lisa Blunt Rochester [D-DE], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Maria Cantwell [D-WA]

S. 1372, Tax Cut for Workers Act of 2025

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV], Michael F. Bennet [D-CO]

S. 1393, American Family Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Michael F. Bennet [D-CO], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA], Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV], Richard J. Durbin [D-IL], Ron Wyden [D-OR]

S. 1411, PROSPECT Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]

S. 1421, Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Enhancement Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Tina Smith [D-MN], Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH], Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Patty Murray [D-WA], John Fetterman [D-PA], Brian Schatz [D-HI]

S. 1447, Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Tina Smith [D-MN]

S. 1562, PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Michael F. Bennet [D-CO], John Boozman [R-AR]

S. 1667, Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Katie Boyd Britt [R-AL], Angela D. Alsobrooks [D-MD]

S. 1742, Children Don't Belong on Tobacco Farms Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Richard J. Durbin [D-IL], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Jack Reed [D-RI]

S. 1748, Kids Online Safety Act

FFCC Position: MONITOR

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Marsha Blackburn [R-TN], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], John Thune [R-SD], Charles E. Schumer [D-NY]

S. 1810, Universal School Choice Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Ted Cruz [R-TX]

S. 1829, STOP CSAM Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Josh Hawley [R-MO], Richard J. Durbin [D-IL], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Chuck Grassley [R-IA], Mark Kelly [D-AZ]

S. 1834, Supporting Healthy Moms and Babies Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Cindy Hyde-Smith [R-MS], Tim Kaine [D-VA], Josh Hawley [R-MO], Kirsten E. Gillibrand [D-NY]

S. 1885, Stop the Scroll Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Katie Boyd Britt [R-AL], John Fetterman [D-PA]

S. 1903, A bill to prohibit changes to Medicare and Medicaid in reconciliation.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Jack Reed [D-RI], Martin Heinrich [D-NM], Edward J. Markey [D-MA]

S. 1965, Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto [D-NV]

S. 2050, ASSIST Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA]

S. 2057, Easy Enrollment in Health Care Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chris Van Hollen [D-MD], Angela D. Alsobrooks [D-MD], Peter Welch [D-VT], Kirsten E. Gillibrand [D-NY]

S. 2067, Rescissions Act of 2025

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Eric Schmitt [R-MO]

S. 2069, Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI], Ron Wyden [D-OR]

S. 2073, State Public Option Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz [D-HI], Ben Ray Luján [D-NM]

S. 2077, Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Peter Welch [D-VT], Angela D. Alsobrooks [D-MD], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Ben Ray Luján [D-NM], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Jacky Rosen [D-NV]

S. 2149, Health Equity and Access under the Law for Immigrant Families Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Cory A. Booker [D-NJ]

S. 2244, Excluding Illegal Aliens from Medicaid Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Rand Paul [R-KY]

S. 2248, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chuck Grassley [R-IA], Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI]

S. 2295, Child Care for Working Families Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Patty Murray [D-WA], Tim Kaine [D-VA], Mazie Hirono [D-HI], Andy Kim [D-NJ]

S. 2447, Repealing the Trump Sick Tax Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Peter Welch [D-VT], Ron Wyden [D-OR]

S. 2496, Keep Kids Covered Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Michael F. Bennet [D-CO]

S. 2559, Summer Meals REACH Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Andy Kim [D-NJ]

S. 2611, Safeguarding the Integrity of the Human Rights Reports Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH], Christopher A. Coons [D-DE], Chris Van Hollen [D-MD], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Jeff Merkley [D-OR], Tim Kaine [D-VA], Brian Schatz [D-HI]

S. 2621, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for State-based maternal mortality review committees, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to disseminate best practices on maternal mortality prevention to hospitals, State-based professional societies, and perinatal quality collaboratives, and for other purposes.

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Shelley Moore Capito [R-WV], Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA], Roger Marshall [R-KS], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Tina Smith [D-MN], Thomas Tillis [R-NC]

S. 2647, International Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. James E. Risch [R-ID], Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH], Ted Budd [R-NC], Tim Kaine [D-VA], Rick Scott [R-FL], Christopher A. Coons [D-DE]

S. 2671, Reproductive Rights Are Human Rights Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz [D-HI], Tammy Duckworth [D-IL]

S. 2714, CHAT Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Jon Husted [R-OH]

S. 2815, JUSTICE in D.C. Act

FFCC Position: OPPOSE

Lead Sponsors: Sens. John Cornyn [R-TX], Marsha Blackburn [R-TN], Ted Budd [R-NC], Lindsey Graham [R-SC]

S. 2823, FAMILY Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Kirsten E. Gillibrand [D-NY], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Andy Kim [D-NJ]

S. 2846, HIV Medication Access Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Jacky Rosen [D-NV]

S. 2939, Child Care for Every Community Act

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA], Ron Wyden [D-OR], Bernie Sanders [I-VT], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT], Tina Smith [D-MN], Cory A. Booker [D-NJ], Alex Padilla [D-CA], Edward J. Markey [D-MA], Jeff Merkley [D-OR], Peter Welch [D-VT]

S. 3071, Keep SNAP and WIC Funded Act of 2025

FFCC Position: SUPPORT

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Ben Ray Luján [D-NM], Amy Klobuchar [D-MN], Charles E. Schumer [D-NY], Angela D. Alsobrooks [D-MD], Tammy Baldwin [D-WI], Michael F. Bennet [D-CO], Richard Blumenthal [D-CT]

ANALYSIS

Women in Congress were 2.9 times more likely than men to stand as Champions or Defenders for children in 2025. More than 42% of women in Congress were named Champions or Defenders. In fact, women made up a majority of the 120 Champions and Defenders this year — 53.3% of the total — despite representing just 28.2% of Congress (House and Senate).

Women in Congress are **2.9x** more likely than men to stand as Champions or Defenders for Children in 2025.



CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Lawmakers in the House of Representatives' Congressional Dads Caucus and Congressional Mamas' Caucus were more likely to put children first and to be recognized as Champions or Defenders. Women in the Mamas' Caucus were 2.3 times more likely to be Champions or Defenders than women not in the Mamas' Caucus. Even more drastically, men in the Dads Caucus were 3.8 times more likely to be Champions or Defenders than men not in the Dads Caucus. This data suggests that these caucuses and their members are more likely to make policy with children's best interests in mind.

Children need more legislators who make children a priority in Congress.

A REGIONAL DIVIDE PERSISTS

FFCC's Legislative Scorecard identifies significant regional differences in support for the nation's children:

The Northeast leads all regions: The percentage of House and Senate Champions and Defenders from the Northeast (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware) rose to 42.1%, or 45 of their 107 member delegation in the 119th Congress.

The West finished as a strong second: 29.7% of Western House and Senate members (Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada) qualified as Champions or Defenders, with 27 of their 91 lawmakers making the cut.

The Midwest made a decent showing: 21.4% — or 21 of 98 — of House and Senate members qualified as Champions or Defenders in the Midwest (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri).

Southeast states lagged behind: Of the 139 Senators and Representatives from the Southeast (Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas) just 16, or 11.9%, qualified as Champions or Defenders.

The Southwest/Plains region came in last: Of the 104 members of Congress from the Southwest (Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas) and Plains region (Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota), just 11, or 10.5%, qualified as Champions or Defenders.

In addition to the 120 Champions and Defenders from the five regions, the data shows that the lowest-scoring members are largely from the Southeast, Southwest/Plains, and Midwest regions. For example, Sens. Martha Blackburn (TN), Cynthia Lummis (WY), Jon Husted (OH), Eric Schmitt (MO), and Lindsey Graham (SC), as well as Reps. Randy Weber (TX), Ben Cline (VA), Mary Miller (IL), John Rose (TN), Nancy Mace (SC), Brandon Gill (TX), Andy Biggs (AZ), and Clay Higgins (LA) were among the lowest-scoring members, and they represent states or districts from the

lower-performing regions.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) publishes the *KIDS COUNT* report, which annually ranks states based on a number of important indicators of child well-being. It is no surprise that the states with the best outcomes of child well-being according to the report have much higher percentages of Champions and Defenders than lower-performing states.

According to AECF's *KIDS COUNT 2025* report, the states with the best child well-being outcomes have the highest percentage of federal policymakers who are Champions or Defenders of children. That number declines with every subsequent tier of states.

In the *KIDS COUNT* "Best" tier of states (New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Jersey, Connecticut, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Colorado), the percentage of Champions and Defenders was 33.7%, or 30 of 89.

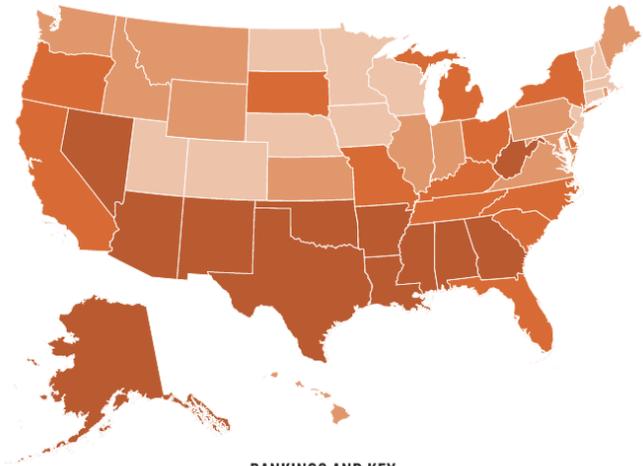
In the second or "Better" tier of 13 states (Virginia, Kansas, Idaho, Washington, Maine, Illinois, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Montana, Wyoming, Hawaii, and Indiana), 26.5% or 30 of 113 congressional members were Champions or Defenders.

In the third tier or "Worse" tier of 13 states (South Dakota, Missouri, Oregon, New York, Delaware, Ohio, California, Michigan, North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, and South Carolina), 44 of 213 members, or 20.7%, were Champions or Defenders.

And in the lowest or "Worst" tier of 12 states (Georgia, Alaska, West Virginia, Arizona, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nevada, Mississippi, Louisiana, and New Mexico), just 13.3%, or 16 of 120 members were Champions or Defenders.

As both analyses demonstrate, the policymakers chosen by voters and the policies they prioritize for children truly matter.

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING



RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. New Hampshire	13. Virginia	26. South Dakota	39. Georgia
2. Vermont	14. Kansas	27. Missouri	40. Alaska
3. Massachusetts	15. Idaho	28. Oregon	41. West Virginia
4. Utah	16. Washington	29. New York	42. Arizona
5. Minnesota	17. Maine	30. Delaware	43. Alabama
6. North Dakota	18. Illinois	31. Ohio	44. Texas
7. New Jersey	19. Rhode Island	32. California	45. Arkansas
8. Connecticut	20. Pennsylvania	33. Michigan	46. Oklahoma
9. Iowa	21. Maryland	34. North Carolina	47. Nevada
10. Nebraska	22. Montana	35. Florida	48. Mississippi
11. Wisconsin	23. Wyoming	36. Kentucky	49. Louisiana
12. Colorado	24. Hawaii	37. Tennessee	50. New Mexico
	25. Indiana	38. South Carolina	

District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are not ranked.



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