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**Heller Statement on Texas Judge Nullifying Obama-Era Overtime Rule**

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) released the below statement after a federal judge in Texas today nullified the Obama Administration’s Department of Labor overtime rule.

“The former Obama Administration’s expansion of the federal overtime rule would have devastated Nevada’s business owners and job creators. Since the rule was issued last year, I have been strongly concerned about its impact because it would fundamentally change how employers compensate their workers, reducing Nevadans’ work hours and benefits. I’m pleased to see that a federal judge acknowledged the regulation’s harmful consequences and ruled it invalid today,” **Heller said.**“Today’s news is a relief for countless Nevada businesses and employers, and I commend Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt for his leadership in this fight.”

On background:

Heller has worked tirelessly against the Obama-era overtime rule. In February 2016 [he wrote](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c39f118c-a114-42b8-8450-1beeff0950d5/DOL%20Overtime%20Rule.pdf) to Department of Labor Secretary Tom Perez about this rule and its negative impacts on the state of Nevada. In March, he followed up with [another letter](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/49e37d0b-f06a-4d88-b258-10aef42a9637/DOL%20overtime%20approps%20letter%20-%20Blunt.pdf) highlighting concern over the new policy change. In the Senate, Heller [expressed concerns](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/be6900e2-2aa7-4d2f-b634-d9ccc996c9f7/DOL%20follow%20up%20letter%2003-17-16.pdf)with his Senate colleagues by writing to Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related Agencies Chairman Roy Blunt and Ranking Member Patty Murray.

Heller also cosponsored S. 2707, *the Protecting Workplace Advancement and Opportunity Act*, in the 114th Congress, legislation that would cancel the proposed DOL regulation to increase the salary threshold for workers eligible to receive overtime pay and require impact studies for future proposals of related rules.

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