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**Heller Votes to Protect the Unborn***Heller a Co-Sponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. –** U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) today voted to move debate forward on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, legislation that prohibits abortions 20 weeks or later into a pregnancy except in cases of rape, incest, or when the pregnancy poses a threat to the mother. This legislation failed to reach the 60-vote threshold in order to advance to consideration of the bill.

Heller is an original cosponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which also includes protections for babies that are born alive after an abortion attempt. This bill requires that infants receive the same degree of care as any other infant born at the same gestational age in the course of a natural birth and then be immediately admitted to a hospital.

“As a strong supporter of protecting the most vulnerable among us, I’m disappointed that the Senate failed to move forward on consideration of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” **said Heller.** “It is shameful that the United States stands with countries like North Korea and China in allowing abortion after 20 weeks. This cruel and inhumane practice must stop, and that’s why I’m proud to be an original cosponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill is an important step in the fight to protect innocent life, and I’m going to continue to work to advance it.”

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