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**Heller Welcomes AG Laxalt’s Effort to Fight DOL Overtime Rule.****(Washington, DC)**– Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) issued the following statement after Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt led a coalition of 21 states in filing a lawsuit challenging the Department of Labor’s overtime rule:**“I applaud the latest effort of Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt to join in this fight. His leadership is a welcomed addition to this endeavor. Bureaucrats in this Administration continue to hand down heavy burdens of regulations harming Nevada’s families and businesses. The latest attempt by the Department of Labor to unilaterally impose its will on Nevada’s job creators is through this ‘overtime rule.’ This change will result in job losses, shifting full-time workers to part-time status, and reduced wages. That’s why I’ve supported legislation to block this regulation. It’s a misguided, job-killing policy that is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to increase the minimum wage,”** said Senator Heller.**BACKGROUND:**Senator Heller has worked tirelessly against having the Administration dictate this rule. In February [he wrote](http://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](http://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](http://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. Senator Heller is also a cosponsor of S. 2707, *the Protecting Workplace Advancement and Opportunity Act*, 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.###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |