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**Heller-Backed Bill to Increase Nevadans’ Access to Breakthrough Cures Sent to President’s Desk**

**WASHINGTON**– The U.S. House of Representatives today passed the Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act, legislation U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) helped introduce to increase patients’ access to breakthrough cures. The bill now goes to the President’s desk, where it is expected to be signed into law.

Specifically, the bipartisan legislation, also known as the ‘right to try’ bill, would give terminally ill patients access to experimental drugs that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. [Currently](http://righttotry.org/in-your-state/)40 states, including Nevada[, have ‘right to try’ laws on the books](http://righttotry.org/in-your-state/). With Heller’s strong support, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the legislation in August 2017.

“I applaud the House for approving this legislation to give patients with life-threatening diseases in Nevada and across the country access to safe and new treatments,” **said Heller.** “Unfortunately, FDA approval of these drugs can often take months and years on end, and for these patients - every day is important. I’m proud to work with Senator Ron Johnson on this bill to give patients in Nevada and around the country hope and I look forward to seeing it signed into law.”

In his [first State of the Union address in late January 2018](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/With%20Heller%E2%80%99s%20support%2C%20the%20U.S.%20Senate%20unanimously%20passed%20the%20legislation%20in%20August%202017.), President Donald Trump gave a call to action to Congress on ‘right to try’ legislation. “People who are terminally ill should not have to go from country to country to seek a cure. I want to give them a chance right here at home,” said Trump.

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