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**Heller Fights for Quality Internet Access in Ely** **(Washington, DC)** –Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke at the Senate Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet hearing titled, “Ensuring Intermodal USF Support for Rural America.” During the hearing, Heller spoke on broadband and wireless service issues in rural Nevada, referencing specifically the city of Ely. He also asked questions pertaining to current programs, such as the Connect America Fund and the Mobility Fund, and how these programs are being used by the Federal Communications Commission to bring rural communities greater internet access. Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lI55SALbTd8) or below to watch.

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| **Background:** In July of 2015, Senator Heller spoke at a [Senate Committee on Commerce Science, & Transportation hearing](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SK1ZviPDQY) addressing the future of wireless broadband and spectrum policy in rural cities. During the hearing, he spoke about the importance of bringing more spectrum to the market and highlighted how to deploy faster Internet service to rural areas across Nevada.  |

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