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| **For Immediate Release:** Contact: [Neal A. Patel](mailto:neal_patel@heller.senate.gov)  February 1, 2017 202-224-6244    **ICYMI: Heller Questions VA Secretary Nominee on Care and Accountability for Nevada’s Veterans**  **(Washington, DC)** – Today, United States Senator Dean Heller questioned Dr. David Shulkin, the nominee for Secretary of Veterans Affairs, during his confirmation hearing in front of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. Heller expressed the need to stand up for our veterans in Nevada, and across the country, by working for real accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and better access to health care and benefits.  As Co-Chair of the Senate VA Backlog Working Group, Heller highlighted progress made toward reducing the backlog of veterans’ disability claims but expressed concern with increasing appeals of these claims. Heller also discussed the issue of doctor shortages in Nevada and the need for recruitment retention efforts that will ensure veterans in both rural and urban areas of Nevada have access to quality health care from the VA. Click [HERE](https://youtu.be/Pjx0wBXqJqU) or below to watch.    ###  [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png](http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Senator-Dean-Heller/325751330177) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png](http://twitter.com/SenDeanHeller) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png](http://www.youtube.com/user/SenDeanHeller) |