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**ICYMI: Heller Wants More for Northern Nevada Communities****Washington, D.C.** – No one understands the beauty of Northern Nevada than its people, and U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) wants to showcase the region to not only the rest of the state, but to the country, and the world. During a Senate Commerce Committee hearing, Heller discussed these priorities with aviation experts XXXXXX. For Heller, bolstering Nevada’s tourism economy remains a top priority in Washington. Click HERE or below to watch. **Background:** Recently, Senator Dean Heller urged the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary John Kelly to bolster safety and security operations at the agency, highlighting the importance of providing the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) with the resources it needs to maintain safe and efficient aviation travel in order to protect the Nevada tourism industry. Heller’s letter [coincides](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/03/29/trumps-travel-ban-could-cost-18b-us-tourism-travel-analysts-say/99708758/) with reports that the Administration’s executive order restricting temporary travel from six countries could cost the U.S. $18 billion in tourism. Also, as Congress prepares for a possible infrastructure bill, Senator Heller is looking to prioritize projects that will improve travel to and through the state of Nevada. Further development of our state’s airports will be a top priority.   Throughout his time in Congress and the Nevada State Assembly, Heller has worked for solutions that will promote Nevada’s tourism economy. In 2015, Heller successfully [secured tourism-focused provisions](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=D94FBB96-DF60-4ED3-9AB7-6E6EFC351F0E) in the first long-term highway bill approved by Congress in nearly a decade. In 2016, he included policies in the [Senate-passed aviation bill](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=0F051418-8AA3-45A7-8CD5-461184BAC3D8) to bolster air service at smaller airports and expand facilities that offer multiple modes of transportation (i.e. bus, rail, Uber, and taxis). In the final days of the 114th Congress, the Nevada delegation successfully enacted bipartisan legislation that encourages public-private partnerships to boost staffing and make infrastructure improvements at airports – [the Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=444EA441-4821-4EBA-B92D-58A53AD8C127).

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