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**Heller Secures Additional Priorities in Senate Aviation Bill****(Washington, DC)** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) announced that an additional three of his legislative priorities were included in the *Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016* (S. 2658). As a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, Senator Heller has worked closely with Chairman John Thune (R-SD) on developing a FAA reauthorization bill over the past year. Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrRJSgzCYFE) or on the video below to watch Senator Heller speak on his additional amendments at the markup.

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| **Background:****Amendment introduced by Heller:** UAS Carriage Amendment* This amendment directs the Department of Transportation to establish a streamlined air carrier certification program tailored for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) carrying property, like packages.

 **Heller Cosponsored Amendments:** Klobuchar Human Trafficking Amendment* Airlines are not currently required to do any training on human trafficking prevention, however, some voluntarily participate in DOT/DHS’s Blue Lightning program. This amendment will require air carriers to provide training to flight attendants to combat human trafficking, including training with respect to common indicators of human trafficking and best practices for reporting suspected human trafficking to law enforcement officers. Heller’s strong history on combatting human trafficking can be found [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=26685325-b451-44f7-8ba0-ca99fa0b9977).

Schatz Tourism Amendment* This amendment adds tourism stakeholders, like the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, and the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority, to the Future Aviation Infrastructure and Financing Study provision in the bill.

Last week, several of Senator Heller’s priorities were included in the bill. You can read about them [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=7F4A1158-C0BF-4D95-A10E-E1B21B721B4E). |

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