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**Heller Tackles Veteran Opioid Use***Offers Amendments to Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act***(Washington, DC)** –Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke on the Senate floor in support of his amendments to the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act* (S. 524). As a member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Heller filed these amendments to ensure that the voices and needs of veterans are addressed when it comes to opioid use and drug addiction. To watch his floor speech click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sE5PdQGg2Y) or on the video below. For Senator Heller’s full remarks, click [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=remarks-as-prepared).

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| **Background:*** [Heller Amendment #3346](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/9828c246-22e3-41e8-bf32-dbbcfdd06156/CARA%20Amendment%203346.pdf): Includes Veterans Services Organizations (VSOs) in the Pain Management Best Practices Interagency Task Force, in order to understand the unique circumstances veterans face regarding opioid use due to their service-connected injuries.
* [Heller Amendment #3351](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/43f9397b-b5af-474d-92f8-7231bfc219f5/CARA%20Amendment%203351.pdf): Allows veteran nonprofit organizations to be eligible for grants under the “Building Communities of Recovery” program. This program ensures that nonprofits providing recovery services to veterans can access more resources to develop, expand, and enhance their critical services that help Nevada’s heroes struggling with drug addiction.
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