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**Heller Speaks at VA Backlog Press Conference****(Washington, DC)** –Today,Chairs of the [VA Backlog Working Group](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=2daa6da5-8c7a-447d-951a-c03e9f1f11e9), U.S. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV) and Bob Casey (D-PA), along with Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Pat Toomey (R-PA), held a press conference to release the [21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/a0ed7a15-14c7-4702-9082-ddf8b16a08ad/114th%20-%2021st%20Century%20Veterans%20Benefits%20Delivery%20Act.pdf), comprehensive legislation designed to create a system that can withstand surges in disability claims without generating another veteran disability claims backlog. The Senators also released the [VA Backlog Working Group 2015 Report](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/24c2c880-205c-4eb7-9e90-b9bc4958ce4e/2015%20VA%20Backlog%20Report.pdf) in which the Working Group identifies the progress that has been made on the claims backlog since 2014, which Working Group recommendations have been implemented by the VA and Congress, and what actions must still be taken to fully transition the VA to a 21st century benefits delivery system. Click [here](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=0fc103f4-e52c-4c2b-833b-f1eee7cace02) for more information regarding today’s rollout. You can click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9YH8dyS_ME) or below to watch the video of Senator Heller at today’s press conference. ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |