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**Heller: I Will Continue to Fight for Nevadans Who Have Fallen on Tough Times**

**(Washington, DC) –** Today U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) expressed his disappointment over the failure to pass the compromise to extend the payroll tax holiday and unemployment benefits

“This bipartisan compromise would have provided much needed economic relief to families across the country. Unfortunately, partisanship took priority today over helping those who are struggling to get by. Washington is clearly broken. I am deeply disappointed this measure failed today. Nevadans need this relief and I will continue to fight for Nevadans who have fallen on tough times,” said Senator Dean Heller.

Heller led the fight in the Senate and authored legislation [to extend the temporary payroll tax holiday](http://heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=b1cf7e00-6d41-4f07-b1f8-5f97390c3bb8) without raising taxes on job creators.

In a [letter](http://heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=736e0cde-338b-4b19-8cde-3fcc654249d1) to the conferees, Heller advocated for the preservation of unemployment benefits for states like Nevada that continue to experience high unemployment. The compromise allows for 73 weeks of unemployment insurance for states with unemployment rates greater than 9%. A copy of that letter has been included with this release.

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