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**President Signs Heller-Backed ‘Right To Try’ Bill into Law***Legislation Helps Patients with Life-Threatening Diseases Access New Treatments*

**WASHINGTON** – Today, President Trump signed into law the *Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act*, [legislation U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) helped introduce to increase patients’ access to breakthrough cures](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2018/5/heller-backed-bill-to-increase-nevadans-access-to-breakthrough-cures-sent-to-president-s-desk).

Specifically, the bipartisan legislation, also known as the ‘right to try’ bill, would give terminally ill patients access to experimental drugs that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but have passed basic safety testing. Currently [40 states, including Nevada](http://righttotry.org/in-your-state/), have ‘right to try’ laws on the books. With Heller’s strong support, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the legislation in August 2017.

“Today is a new morning for terminally ill patients in Nevada and across the country,” **said Heller.** “Nevadans facing life-threatening diseases and terminal diagnoses have a right to try, and that’s why I applaud the President for signing into law this important bipartisan legislation. Our bill gives terminally ill patients a chance to fight by helping them access safe and new treatments. Unfortunately, FDA approval of these drugs can often take months and years on end, and for these Americans - every day is important. I’m proud to have worked with Senator Johnson on this proposal and see it finally enacted into law.”

In his [first State of the Union address in late January 2018](With%20Heller%E2%80%99s%20support%2C%20the%20U.S.%20Senate%20unanimously%20passed%20the%20legislation%20in%20August%202017.), President Donald Trump gave a call to action to Congress on ‘right to try’ legislation. “People who are terminally ill should not have to go from country to country to seek a cure. I want to give them a chance right here at home,” said Trump.

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