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U.S. Senator Dean Heller

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**Heller Statement on Fiscal Cliff Negotions**

**(Washington, D.C.) –** U.S. Senator Dean Heller issued the following statement regarding the fiscal cliff deal:

“There is absolutely no reason that Congress had to walk this close to the fiscal cliff. Scaring the American people, who work hard every day, is no way to run a government and it is my hope that Washington finally realizes this.

“Times are tough, especially for the Silver State, and the Senate did the right thing today by helping the 25,000 Nevadans looking for work and struggling to pay their bills. Nevada families, businesses and those unemployed have been facing tough times and I am pleased that both Democrats and Republicans found a compromise that will prevent steep, across-the-board cuts and drastic tax increases.

“As we look ahead to the New Year, I am reminded of the many tumultuous decisions that consumed the 112th Congress. Together we can avoid this next year by simply passing a budget. For nearly three and a half years, the President and the Senate Majority have refused to offer up a serious and responsible budget for congressional consideration. In response to this irresponsibility, I introduced the No Budget, No Pay Act. If Members of Congress don’t do their job, they should not get paid.

“Washington can’t be afraid of the difficult decisions that are ahead. I believe that together as a nation we can succeed but Congress must put aside the endless cycle of uncertainty and political finger-pointing. We must choose actions that will put our country back on the path to economic prosperity so that every American  
who wants a job has one,” said Senator Dean Heller.

Senator Heller’s bipartisan “No Budget, No Pay” legislation (S. 1981) requires Members of Congress to pass a concurrent budget resolution every year in order to get paid. Representative Jim Cooper (D-TN) has introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

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