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**Heller Backs Kate’s Law, Supports Law Enforcement**

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) announced today that he cosponsored the Stop Illegal Reentry Act, also known as Kate’s Law in honor of Kate Steinle. Introduced by Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Kate’s Law supports local law enforcement and establishes tougher sentences for undocumented immigrants who commit certain crimes.

Kate Steinle was killed by an undocumented immigration who not only had several felony convictions, but was deported from the United States five times. Kate’s Law establishes a 10-year maximum prison term for an undocumented immigrant who re-enters after being denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed on three or more prior occasions. The legislation also sets a 5-year mandatory minimum prison term for an undocumented immigrant who re-enters after being removed following a conviction for an aggravated felony or following two or more prior convictions for illegal re-entry.

“I firmly believe that America is a nation of immigrants, but we are also a nation of laws.Kate’s Law empowers local law enforcement and addresses the issue of undocumented immigrants who continue to illegally enter our country and commit crimes against Americans,” **said Heller.** “As a strong proponent of comprehensive immigration reform, I believe that we need to start by securing our borders and ensuring that those who want to participate in the American dream have the opportunity to do so. I continue to engage this Administration and my colleagues on efforts to restart negotiations. We need immigration reform and we need it now.”

Heller has long supported comprehensive immigration reform and strengthening border security. In the 113th Congress, Heller played a role in crafting and supporting bipartisan immigration reform legislation (S.744). Heller is currently a cosponsor of the BRIDGE Act, bipartisan legislation that would provide deferred action for childhood arrivals, eligible individuals with “provisional protected presence” and employment authorization.

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