Introductions

1. **Thank you** for cosigning DACA letter with Derek Kilmer. [Letter To Trump](#)


3. **Thank you** for cosponsoring **H.R. 3591**: American Hope Act of 2017 which allows a state to extend higher-education benefits to state residents regardless of whether they are lawfully present in the United States. Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]

4. **Thank you** for cosponsoring **H.R. 15** Raise the Wage Act, increasing the federal minimum wage. Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]


7. **Thank you** for voting yes on **H.R.601** - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 which passed 316-90.
8. Thank you for your continued support of the ACA by cosigning a letter to Speaker Ryan, “We strongly support the Affordable Care Act [which helps millions of families purchase affordable health coverage, and helps keep out of pocket costs low],” the Members wrote to Speaker Ryan. “The individual market, accounting for seven percent of health care enrollees nationwide, needs improvement. Senate Republicans have indicated a willingness to work with Democrats to address this. We are ready to work with you in a bipartisan manner to stabilize and improve the individual market.”

Letter to Speaker Ryan__ Cassidy-Graham Senate bill to repeal the ACA.

9. Thank you for supporting S.J.Res.49 - A joint resolution condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President’s Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups. Passed both House and Senate by Unanimous Consent. Trump has indicated he will sign it.

Immigration:


This bill directs the Department of Justice to make grants to nonprofit legal services providers with immigration law expertise to provide immigration-related legal services and advice to an alien who: (1) is present in the United States as a lawful permanent resident; (2) has received a grant of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, has been admitted as a refugee (or the alien's spouse or parent has been so admitted), or has been determined to be qualified for such admission; and (3) has been ordered removed, is in removal proceedings, or is at risk of being denied U.S. entry or admission.

11. Ask: H.R. 496: BRIDGE Act. Requires equal Ds and Rs as cosponsors. Currently one more D than R. Thank you for supporting. Any chance of cosponsoring? There was a discharge petition on September 5th. It fell short of the 218 required votes. Rep Heck was not shown as having signed the discharge petition. Why?
**Budget issues**

12. **Ask:** Please oppose the FY 18 budget resolution as currently drafted by the Republicans in the House Budget Committee. We are strongly opposed to making huge cuts to programs that support the poor and middle class in order to create tax cuts that benefit corporations and the wealthy. We ask Rep Heck to work with Representatives Jayapal and Del Bene, who are both members of the House Budget Committee, to stop this plan before it leaves the committee.

13. **Ask:** Support fully funding FEMA and other disaster response programs. Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

14. **Ask:** Both the House and Senate have passed spending bills that jeopardize the 2020 Census, underfunding it by $300 million. The 2018 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriation Bills (HR 3267 and Senate Bill 1662) now go to full chambers for further debate and voting. Please work to ensure adequate funding for the Census and other important programs.

**Quality of Life**

15. **Ask:** Support **H.R. 1880** the College for All Act of 2017 This would create a Federal-State partnership to eliminate tuition and required fees. Sponsored by Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]

16. **Ask:** Climate Change: **H.R. 2242** Keep It in the Ground Act of 2017 which would prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, and prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2] [Keep It In The Ground Act 2017]
17. **Ask:** Support **H.R. 3227** Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017 which bans private prisons & private detention centers, private transportation, ends family detention, and removes Immigration and Custom Enforcement’s (ICE) daily mandate to fill 34,000 beds with detainees. Jayapal and Smith have both cosigned. Sponsored by Rep. Grijalva, Raul M. [D-AZ-3] [Justice is not for sale](#)

18. **Ask:** Support **H.R. 1144** Inclusive Prosperity Act, which would impose a tax on certain trading transactions to invest in our families and communities, improve our infrastructure and our environment, strengthen our financial security, expand opportunity and reduce market volatility. 

19. **Ask:** Support Net Neutrality
Net neutrality is the principle that internet service providers (ISPs) like AT&T and Verizon shouldn’t be able to discriminate against rival services or sell internet fast lanes to the highest bidder. Open internet advocates argue that net neutrality ensures that the internet remains an open and vibrant platform for innovation, economic growth and free speech. The Republican continue to push forward a net neutrality bill, which has been stalled amid opposition from Democrats intent on keeping the fight focused on the FCC. According to the committee, Chairman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) still plans to hold (held?) a Sept. 7 hearing on the topic.

[Most Americans Support Net Neutrality Rules](#)

20. **Ask:** What is Rep Heck doing about the Equifax breach? We need more protection of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Health Care

21. **Ask:** Explain your position regarding cosponsoring **H.R.3748** - To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for individuals who are ages 50 to 64 to buy into Medicare, to provide for health insurance market stabilization, and for other purposes, and being against H.R. 676 Medicare for All Act.

Below are some links to interesting articles given to me from Heck staff that illustrate why he is currently against the Medicare for all bill.

[Medicare for all isn’t the solution](#)
[Are you sure you want single payer?](#)

Schedule next meeting.