



FIRST FOCUS
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2019
CHAMPIONS AND DEFENDERS
FOR CHILDREN

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Our nation's children face an array of problems, including poverty, violence, abuse, neglect, hunger, education inequity, poor nutrition, homelessness, lack of health coverage, infant and child mortality, and family separation in mixed immigrant households. These issues demand attention, policy solutions, political will, and action that make children a priority.

Unfortunately, kids are far too often an afterthought in Congress. The problem is that children don't vote and don't have Political Action Committees (PACs) that garner and demand attention. Consequently, children are facing a variety of problems that are impacted by federal policy, including:

- » **Declining Federal Investments in Children:** The share of investments in children has declined from 7.98 percent of the federal budget in FY 2015 to 7.21 percent in FY 2019. The President's FY 2019 budget proposal elimination of 44 children's programs and real cuts of \$20 billion in spending on children would have caused funding for children to drop to just 6.45 percent of the federal budget.
- » **Rising Uninsured Children:** After two full decades of decline since the enactment of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1997, the uninsured rate has grown for each of the last two years, including by more than 10 percent in 2018.
- » **High Child Poverty:** Although child poverty has been dropping in recent years, 11.9 million children (16.2 percent) lived in poverty in 2018, which is 54 percent higher than for adults. The U.S. rate of child poverty is the 2nd highest among 29 developed countries with rates highest among the youngest and most vulnerable children. A landmark report from the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released last year estimates that child poverty is costing the nation over \$1 trillion annually.
- » **Rising Child Suicide Rates:** The suicide rate nearly tripled for children aged 10-14 from 2007 to 2017 and increased 76 percent for people aged 15-19. Suicide is now the 2nd leading cause of death for children in both age groups.
- » **Increasing Child Abuse and Neglect:** After years of decline, there has been a 10 percent rise in the number of children placed in foster care largely due to increased levels of substance use, including but not limited to opioids. Furthermore, between FY 2013 and 2017, the fatality rate for children from abuse and neglect increased by 11 percent.
- » **High Infant Mortality:** The U.S. rate remains far higher than in countries with comparable Gross National Product (GNP). According to the Peterson Center on Healthcare and Kaiser Family Foundation, the U.S. infant mortality rate is 71 percent higher than in comparable European nations.
- » **High Rates of Food Insecurity:** In 2017, 12.5 million children lived in food-insecure households, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Department's report finds "food security to be statistically associated with various outcomes involving health, nutrition, and children's development. ..."
- » **Rising Child Homelessness:** The number of identified and enrolled students by the U.S. Department of Education as experiencing homelessness at some point during the school year increased 7.3 percent, from 1.26 million students in school year 2014-2015 to 1.36 million students in school year 2016-2017.
- » **Mistreatment of Children of Immigrants:** Federal policy should ensure that the "best interest of the child", but federal agencies are separating migrant families, placing children in detention centers for lengthy periods, failing to provide basic health and safety protections to children, and compounding the trauma facing immigrant and migrant children.

Now, **more than ever**, children need policymakers to be their Champions and Defenders who are willing to focus on, support, raise their voices in support of, and attach their name to legislation that would improve the lives of our nation's children. They also need lawmakers to actively oppose legislation or regulatory and administrative actions that would harm kids.

In an attempt to recognize and thank those lawmakers in the first session of the 116th Congress who actively worked to make children a greater priority in the halls of Congress, we are pleased to present our 2019 First Focus Campaign for Children (FFCC) Legislative Scorecard.

THE 2019 CHAMPIONS AND DEFENDERS FOR CHILDREN

This year's 120 Champions and Defenders of Children include 40 senators and 80 representatives who have stepped forward to make "the best interest of the child" a top priority in the Senate and House in 2019. They have all taken affirmative steps to positively address the problems facing children.

What makes this group of 120 policymakers unique is that they have repeatedly used their legislative roles to raise, lift, and move to the forefront those issues that are important for America's children. Champions consistently pursue policies and legislation that make children a priority across the full array of issue areas. Defenders more often than most consider and take action that supports the best interest of children in a number of votes and by sponsoring or cosponsoring bills.

Others in Congress, who may fall just short of enough points to qualify as a Champion or Defender, also have taken supportive votes or played an important role for children and we applaud them for their work in those areas.

However, as Congress debates and sets the nation's federal priorities on policy and budget matters, the lawmakers we are honoring as 2019 Champions and Defenders of Children have consistently made the "best interest of the child" their priority in making public policy decisions. As advocates for children, we want to spotlight their special leadership and express our gratitude and appreciation to them for their strong support for children.

METHODOLOGY

Children rely on adults to ensure that their needs are addressed. Our Legislative Scorecard is intended to be a tool to hold our federal policymakers accountable for representing and addressing their needs. It honors those who use their voice to champion and defend the needs of children.

To do so, the FFCC Legislative Scorecard is based on a points system that has long been unique in child advocacy since its creation in 2010. Since its inception a decade ago, we have scored legislative votes in which children would be significantly or predominately impacted. Furthermore, when legislators take public actions on votes or add their names as sponsors or cosponsors to key legislation (both positively or negatively) that impact children, our Legislative Scorecard captures that information.

Points are awarded to lawmakers who sponsor or cosponsor legislation of importance to children or take key votes in support of the "best interest of the child." Furthermore, points are taken away from Members of Congress who sponsor or cosponsor bills or take votes that would be harmful to children.

We also only score bills that we have thoroughly reviewed and on which we have taken a formal position.

» **Key Votes:** Accompanying our Legislative Scorecard is a "Key Votes" page. FFCC recognizes that not all votes are equal. Therefore, we weigh major votes more heavily than minor votes. We also give members extra points if they show political courage by voting in the "best interest of the child" in the face of opposition from a majority of their own party. For a list of 2019 votes for and against children, **see page 7.**

» **Key Bills:** The FFCC Legislative Scorecard also recognizes that lawmakers often negotiate and make decisions on legislation well before House and Senate votes. Consequently, rather than just track votes on bills and amendments, the FFCC Legislative Scorecard includes a more in-depth analytical framework.

Our Scorecard awards additional points to policymakers who sponsor or cosponsor key legislation on our website's Bill Tracker (original sponsors are awarded more points). Lawmakers lose points for sponsoring or cosponsoring bills that harm children. For a list of 2019 Key Bills, **see page 9.**

Finally, we also award points based on membership in congressional caucuses specific to children and actions (including major letters, floor speeches, hearings, etc.) taken by policymakers that would positively or negatively impact children.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN



THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA)
Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)
Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ)
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)

THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA)
Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)
Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)
Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)
Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)
Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)
Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)
Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
Rep. Debra Haaland (D-NM)
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)
Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT)
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)
Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA)

Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)
Rep. James Langevin (D-RI)
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)
Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)
Rep. James McGovern (D-MA)
Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)
Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI)
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI)
Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA)
Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD)
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL)
Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY)
Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL)
Rep. David Trone (D-MD)

DEFENDERS OF CHILDREN



THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Sen. Angus King (I-ME)
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

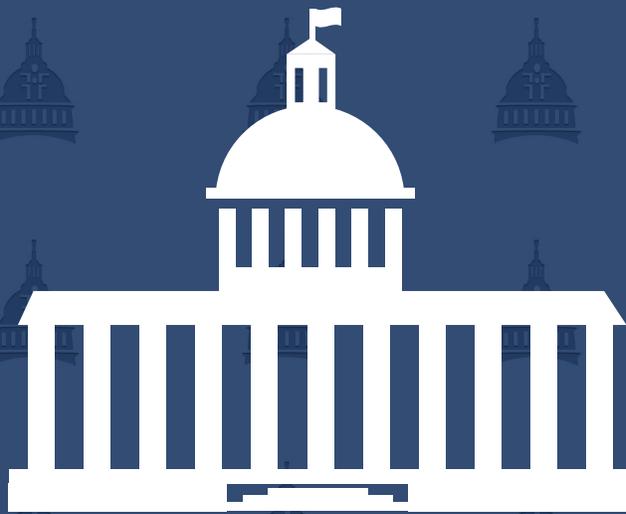
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Sen. Christopher Murphy (D-CT)
Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)
Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)
Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)
Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA)
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)
Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA)
Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY)
Rep. Stephen Cohen (D-TN)
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA)
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)
Rep. John Katko (R-NY)
Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI)
Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)
Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)
Rep. Joseph Neguse (D-CO)

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY)
Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN)
Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)
Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL)
Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)
Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)
Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)
Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH)
Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)
Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI)
Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Rep. Donna Shalala (D-FL)
Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)
Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)
Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT)
Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)
Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY)

KEY VOTES



SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE 130

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE** (Failed by a vote of 22-69)

On the Motion to Invoke Cloture and Proceed to S. 1332, a bill that would have dramatically cut budgetary levels for children's programs for FY 2021-2029.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 111

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Failed by a vote of 126-305)

The Pressley Amendment to H.R. 1, For the People Act of 2019, would lower the federal election voting age from 18 to 16.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 214

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Passed by a vote of 234-183)

On passage of H.R. 987, Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act. The bill includes a number of important provisions that would help reduce the number of uninsured children and reduce health care costs.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 240

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Passed by a vote of 237-187)

On passage of H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 289

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE** (Failed by a vote of 150-273)

The Banks Amendment to H.R. 2740, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020, would have cut Labor-HHS spending by 14 percent.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 493

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Passed by a vote of 419-6)

On passage of H.R. 748, Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act. The bill eliminates an excise tax on employer-sponsored health care coverage that would have disproportionately harmed dependent coverage.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 496

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Passed by a vote of 231-199)

On passage of H.R. 582, the Raise the Wage Act.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE 507

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT** (Passed by a vote of 233-195)

On passage of H.R. 3239, the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act.

KEY BILLS



S. 150, THE RAISE THE WAGE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT)

S. 266, REBUILD AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)

S. 292, THE KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

S. 463, FAMILY & MEDICAL INSURANCE LEAVE ACT OR THE FAMILY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

S. 557, THE REUNITE EVERY UNACCOMPANIED NEWBORN INFANT, TODDLER AND OTHER CHILDREN

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)

S. 568, THE CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

S.661, CHILD TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION AND WELFARE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

S. 662, FAIR DAY IN COURT FOR KIDS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

S. 684, THE MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Mike Rounds (R-SD)

S. 690, THE AMERICAN FAMILY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

S. 698, CHILD TAX CREDIT EQUITY FOR PUERTO RICO ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Marco Rubio (R-FL)

S. 749, THE PROMOTING AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR EVERYONE (PACE) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Angus King (I-ME), Richard Burr (R-NC), Susan Collins (R-ME), Krysten Sinema (D-AZ), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV)

S. 767, THE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Rob Portman (R-OH), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Angus King (I-ME)

S. 789, THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Rob Portman (R-OH)

S. 840, THE HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

S. 866, IDEA FULL FUNDING ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Pat Roberts (R-KS)

S. 873, STABILIZE MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

S. 874, THE DREAM ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Richard Durbin (D-IL)

S. 879, THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNTRIES UNDER REPRESSION AND EMERGENCY (SECURE) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

S. 931, THE CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 1009, EARLY DETECTION TO STOP INFANT ABUSE AND PREVENT FATALITIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

S. 1119, ANTI-LUNCH SHAMING ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Tom Udall (D-NM), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bob Casey (D-PA), and Cory Gardner (R-CO)

S. 1138, WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Michael Bennet (D-CO)

S. 1172, KEEP OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S CHILDREN AND TEACHERS (PACT) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

S. 1181, HELP GRANDFAMILIES PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME)

S. 1258, TOBACCO AT 21 ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Todd Young (R-IN), Richard Durbin (D-IL), and Mitt Romney (R-UT)

S. 1332, PENNIES PLAN BALANCED BUDGET ACT

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)

S. 1376, THE FAMILY FIRST TRANSITION AND SUPPORT ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

S. 1404, END DIAPER NEED ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

S. 1494, SECURE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

S. 1647, SUPPORTING FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

S. 1697, IMMEDIATE COVERAGE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 1698, EXPANDED COVERAGE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 1770, RESILIENCE INVESTMENT, SUPPORT, AND EXPANSION (RISE) FROM TRAUMA ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Richard Durbin (D-IL), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

S. 1776, CHILDREN'S BUDGET ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Kamala Harris (D-CA), and Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 1780, FOCUS ON CHILDREN ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sens. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 1791, EVERY CHILD DESERVES A FAMILY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

S. 1823, CHILDREN DON'T BELONG ON TOBACCO FARMS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)

S. 1855, ACCESS, SUCCESS, AND PERSISTENCE IN RESHAPING EDUCATION (ASPIRE) ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)

S. 1907, NO SHAME AT SCHOOL ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)

S. 1908, SUMMER MEALS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

S. 1918, HUNGER-FREE SUMMER FOR KIDS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. John Boozman (R-AR) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

S. 1941, CHILD SUMMER HUNGER ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

S. 1949, SCHOOL FOOD MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Tina Smith (D-MN)

S. 2097, PROTECTING SENSITIVE LOCATIONS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

S. 2113, STOP CRUELTY TO MIGRANT CHILDREN ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

S. 2135, HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CUSTODY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)

S. 2143, COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

S. 2218, COVERING OUR FAS ALLIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

S. 2230, CHILD CARE FLEX SPENDING ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Christopher Murphy (D-CT)

S. 2245, MAXIMIZING AMERICA'S PROSPERITY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)

S. 2358, WISE INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sens. Bob Casey (D-PA) and Susan Collins (R-ME)

S. 2482, PROTECT AMERICAN VALUES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

S. 2501, ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 2549, SMALL BUSINESS CHILD CARE INVESTMENT ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sens. Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and Joni Ernst (R-IA)

S. 2715, GLOBAL CHILD THRIVE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Chris Coons (D-DE)

S. 2765, BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET REFORM ACT

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Michael Enzi (R-WY) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

S. 2777, FAMILY FIRST TRANSITION ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Ron Wyden (D-OR)

S. 2790, FOSTER OPPORTUNITY EITC ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

S. 2803, FOSTERING STABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

S. 2846, PROTECTING PATIENTS TRANSPORTATION TO CARE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

S. 2916, RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Susan Collins (R-ME)

S. 3083, FAMILY STABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY VOUCHERS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Todd Young (R-IN) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

S.RES. 423, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2019 AS "NATIONAL HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH"

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Susan Collins (R-ME)

H.R. 6, AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

H.R. 185, OBAMACARE REPEAL ACT

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Steve King (R-IA)

H.R. 302, CHILD TAX CREDIT EQUITY FOR PUERTO RICO ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR), Jose Serrano (D-NY), Sean Duffy (R-WI), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

H.R. 541, KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)

H.R. 582, RAISE THE WAGE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

H.R. 727, ENDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)

H.R. 748, MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Mike Kelly (R-PA)

H.R. 865, REBUILD AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

H.R. 899, TO TERMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY)

H.R. 1011, PROTECTIVE SENSITIVE LOCATIONS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)

H.R. 1012, REUNITE EVERY UNACCOMPANIED NEWBORN INFANT, TODDLER AND OTHER CHILDREN EXPEDITIOUSLY (REUNITE) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)

H.R. 1185, FAMILY AND MEDICAL INSURANCE LEAVE ACT OR FAMILY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

H.R. 1221, AGRICULTURE RESEARCH INTEGRITY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)

H.R. 1298, HIGHER EDUCATION DREAM ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

H.R. 1364, CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

H.R. 1368, CLOSING THE MEAL GAP ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC)

H.R. 1560, AMERICAN FAMILY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA)

H.R. 1696, PROMOTING AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR EVERYONE (PACE) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) and Jason Smith (R-MO)

H.R. 1724, HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Katherine Clark (D-MA), Don Young (R-AK), and James Langevin (D-RI)

H.R. 1784, HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

H.R. 1846, END DIAPER NEED ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

H.R. 1868, HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL)

H.R. 1878, IDEA FULL FUNDING ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Jared Huffman (D-CA), David McKinley (R-WV), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Joe Neguse (D-CO), John Katko (R-NY), Kurt Schrader (D-OR), Glenn Thompson (R-PA), and Dean Phillips (D-MN)

H.R. 1879, STABILIZE MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA) and John Katko (R-NY)

H.R. 1967, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

H.R. 2001, Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA)

H.R. 2076, EARLY DETECTION TO STOP INFANT ABUSE AND PREVENT FATALITIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kim Schrier (D-WA) and Steve Stivers (R-OH)

H.R. 2311, ANTI-LUNCH SHAMING ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Debra Haaland (D-NM) and Rodney Davis (R-IL)

H.R. 2315, KEEP OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S CHILDREN AND TEACHERS (PACT) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)

H.R. 2339, REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Donna Shalala (D-FL)

H.R. 2480, STRONGER CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kim Schrier (D-WA), James Comer (R-KY), Lori Trahan (D-MA), Dusty Johnson (R-SD), Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

H.R. 2507, NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Mike Simpson (R-ID), Katherine Clark (D-MA), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

H.R. 2622, ASYLUM SEEKER PROTECTION ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX)

H.R. 2702, FAMILY FIRST TRANSITION AND SUPPORT ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Karen Bass (D-CA) and Don Bacon (R-NE)

H.R. 2767, SUPPORTING EATING DISORDERS RECOVERY THROUGH VITAL EXPANSION (SERVE) ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Seth Moulton (D-MA) and Brian Mast (R-FL)

H.R. 2818, SUMMER MEALS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Don Young (R-AK) and Rick Larsen (D-WA)

H.R. 2822, FAMILY-TO-FAMILY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Mikie Sherill (D-NJ) and Fred Upton (R-MI)

H.R. 3057, IMMEDIATE COVERAGE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

H.R. 3059, EXPANDED COVERAGE FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

H.R. 3117, COMMUNITY ACCESS, RESOURCES, AND EDUCATION (CARE) FOR FAMILIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC)

H.R. 3157, WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI)

H.R. 3180, RESILIENCE INVESTMENT, SUPPORT, AND EXPANSION (RISE) FROM TRAUMA ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Danny Davis (D-IL) and Mike Gallagher (R-WI)

H.R. 3200, SAFE STUDENTS ACT

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY)

H.R. 3222, NO FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PUBLIC CHARGE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)

H.R. 3229, CHILDREN DON'T BELONG ON TOBACCO FARMS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)

H.R. 3239, HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CUSTODY ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)

H.R. 3300, ECONOMIC MOBILITY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

H.R. 3366, NO SHAME AT SCHOOL ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN)

H.R. 3378, STOP CHILD SUMMER HUNGER ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA)

H.R. 3394, CHILDREN'S ACT FOR RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYMENT (CARE) AND FARM SAFETY OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

H.R. 3444, SCHOOL FOOD MODERNIZATION ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Ann Kuster (D-NH), and Mike Kelly (R-PA)

H.R. 3809, COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Al Larson, Jr. (D-FL)

H.R. 3903, CHILD CARE FLEX SPENDING ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

H.R. 3918, STOP CRUELTY TO MIGRANT CHILDREN ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)

H.R. 3930, MAXIMIZING AMERICA'S PROSPERITY ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX)

H.R. 3935, PROTECTING PATIENTS TRANSPORTATION TO CARE ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA), Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Tom Graves (R-GA), and Sanford Bishop (D-GA)

H.R. 4259, SCHOOLS PREVENTING HUNGER IN AT-RISK KIDS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Susan Wild (D-PA), Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-AS), Don Bacon (R-NE), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Donald Payne (D-NJ), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

H.R. 4300, FOSTERING STABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Madeleine Dean (D-PA), Michael Turner (R-OH), Karen Bass (D-CA), and Steve Stivers (R-OH)

H.R. 4352, SUPPORTING KINSHIP CONNECTIONS ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Karen Bass (D-CA), James Langevin (D-RI), Don Bacon (R-NE), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), and Paul Mitchell (R-MI)

H.R. 4420, TIMELY MENTAL HEALTH FOR FOSTER YOUTH ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)

H.R. 4472, LOOK-BACK ELIMINATION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

H.R. 4701, HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS UNDER THE LAW (HEAL) FOR IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)

H.R. 4821, COVERING OUR FAS ALLIES ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-AS), Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Steve Womack (R-AR), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Ed Case (D-HI), Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-MP), and Michael San Nicholas (D-GU)

H.R. 4864, GLOBAL CHILD THRIVE ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

H.R. 4865, HOUSING FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Danny Davis (D-IL) and Brad Wenstrup (R-AR)

H.R. 4954, FOSTER OPPORTUNITY EITC ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

H.R. 4980, FAMILY FIRST TRANSITION ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Danny Davis (D-IL), Jackie Walorski (R-IN), Karen Bass (D-CA), Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), Judy Chu (D-CA), Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA), Ron Estes (R-KS), Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Don Bacon (R-NE), Linda Sanchez (D-CA), Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)

H.R. 4996, HELPING MEDICAID OFFER MATERNITY SERVICES (MOMS) ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Robin Kelly (D-IL), Michael Burgess (R-TX), Lauren Underwood (D-IL), Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), and Earl "Buddy" Carter (R-GA)

H.R. 5191, RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. John Yarmuth (D-KY) and Don Bacon (R-NE)

H.R. 5249, SUPPORTING HEALTHY MOTHERS AND INFANTS ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. David Trone (D-MD), Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Ann Kuster (D-NH), and Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

H.R. 5271, WORKER RELIEF AND CREDIT REFORM (WRCCR) ACT OF 2019

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI)

H.R. 5789, SMALL BUSINESS CHILD CARE INVESTMENT ACT

FFCC Position: **SUPPORT**

Lead Sponsors: Sens. Susie Lee (D-NV) and Pete Stauber (R-MN)

H.J.RES. 36, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS.

FFCC Position: **OPPOSE**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN)

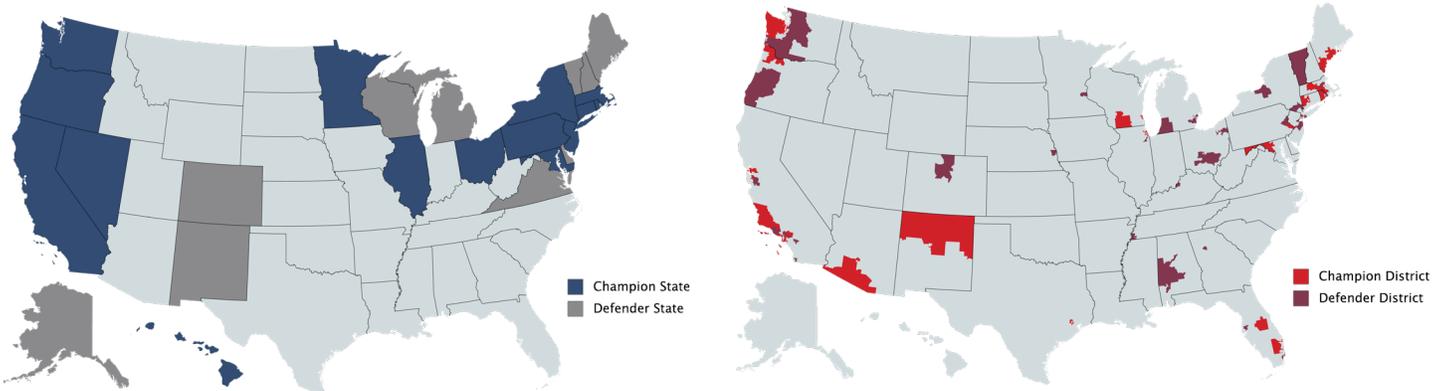
ADDENDUM: TRENDS IN THE LIST

Women in Congress were
2.5x more likely
than men to stand as Champions or Defenders for children in 2019.



THE GENDER GAP PERSISTS ON CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Women in the last Congress were two-and-a-half times more likely than men to be Champions or Defenders of Children — with 41 percent of the women in Congress named either a Champion or a Defender. In fact, women made up 45 percent of our list this year, despite representing only 24 percent of Congress. There were 67 men among the Champions and Defenders, however, the vast majority of the lowest scoring Members of Congress were men.



THE REGIONAL DIVIDE ON CHILDREN

FFCC's Legislative Scorecard identifies strong support for children among lawmakers from certain parts of the country. Some important regional differences:

- » **The West is first:** 43 percent of the Western Members of Congress (AK, HI, CA, OR, WA, and NV) are Champions or Defenders this year. California once again led all states with 21 Champions or Defenders -- including Rep. Karen Bass who outscored all members in the scorecard in 2019.
- » **The Northeast is well-represented:** 40 percent of Congresspeople from the Northeast (ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA, MD, and DE) are Champions or Defenders. Two of these states -- Vermont and Rhode Island -- had their entire delegations on this list while residents of Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut will see the majority of their Congressional representatives on the list this year.
- » **The Midwest represents the middle:** 21 percent of Members of Congress from the Midwest (OH, MI, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, and MO) are Champions or Defenders. Illinois and Michigan each have five to lead the way for the region, but Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri all were without Champions or Defenders in 2019.
- » **Room for improvement in the Southwest and Plains:** 9 percent of Members of Congress from the Southwest and Plains states (TX, NM, AZ, CO, UT, ID, OK, KS, NE, WY, MT, ND, and SD) are Champions or Defenders this year. New Mexico is the clear leader in the region with three of its five delegation members honored. Unfortunately, eight states in this region have no Champions or Defenders at all.
- » **The Southeast has little to show:** Only 7 percent of the Southeast (VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, TN, KY, AL, MS, LA, and AR) delegation were recognized as Champions or Defenders. Florida leads the region with four, but no other state in the region has more than one.

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