

Iowa (#6)

Charles Grassley



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Challenges Facing Iowa's Children

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Impact of Legislation on Iowa's Children

Equal Pay for Equal Work - Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

(S.181, RCV#14, 1/22/2009)

Nay

There are **131,767** Iowa children living in a single-mother household. **105,773** of these children have a mother who works and stand to benefit from this law.

Yea

Reauthorizing the State Children's Health Insurance Program

(HR.2, RCV#21, Amendment 75, 1/28/2009)

Nay

The reauthorization of this program will insure as many as **23,700** additional children, or **62.4%** of the Iowa's currently uninsured children.

Yea

Economic Stimulus Package - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

(S.1, RCV#64, On the Conference Report, 2/13/2009)

This stimulus legislation would provide substantial new resources to the children of Iowa, including:

\$550,000,000 in relief for Medicaid costs. Medicaid which insures low-income children and seniors.

\$386,400,000 to prevent cuts to programs for school-aged children.

\$67,900,000 for the Title I academic achievement of the disadvantaged program.

\$19,400,000 for education programs

\$15,400,000 in additional child support enforcement matching funds.

144,000 children will benefit from the child tax credit provisions of the legislation.

\$123,600,000 services to children with disabilities in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding.

\$18,120,842 in Emergency Child Care and Development Block Grant funds benefiting **3,200** children.

An increase in unemployment benefits to **212,422** families.

\$16,800,000 in emergency shelter grants for **4,500** households.

\$5,200,000 in youth training employment services.

\$161,000,000 in food stamps for **279,000** Iowa citizens.

Nay

Yea

Expanding Volunteer Opportunities - The GIVE Act

(HR.1388, RCV#115, On Passage of the Bill, 3/26/2009)

Yea

The Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act expands community service programs including the School-Based and Community-Based Service-Learning programs, Learn and Serve programs, and AmeriCorps.

Yea

Gutting DC Gun Restrictions

(S.160, RCV #72, S.Amdt. 575, 2/26/2009)

Yea

This amendment was attached to the bill to provide voting rights to citizens of the District of Columbia in the House of Representatives. A vote in favor of this amendment would gut the District's gun control laws without consent of the elected Representatives and voters in the city. **143 children in the District have died from firearms from 2000-2006, a rate higher than any state.**

Nay

Expanding Afterschool Programs

(S.Con.Res.13, RCV#137, S.Amdt.953, 4/2/2009)

Yea

If it had been included in the final budget resolution, this expansion would have provided **\$7,000,000** more in 21st Century Community Learning Center funding which would have provided afterschool programs to **7,000** more Iowa children.

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Increasing Funding for Children's Programs in 2010 Budget

(S.Con.Res.13, RCV #173, On the Conference Report, 4/29/2009)

This resolution would provide the funds for the programs highlighted in President Obama's budget, including:

- Tax cuts for the families of millions of children
- Energy assistance to low-income families
- Nutrition assistance
- Rewarding excellent teachers
- Down payment on the President's "Zero to Five" plan
- The Nurse Home Visitation program
- The Project-Based Rental Assistance Program
- Preventing teen pregnancy
- Health coverage for children
- Making the \$2500 American Opportunity Tax Credit permanent

Nay

Yea

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009

(S.896, RCV#185, On Passage of the Bill, 5/6/2009)

The Helping Families Save Their Homes Act will expand eligibility for Chapter 13 bankruptcy, and expand the HOPE for Homeowners program. **There were 11,066 foreclosures in Iowa in 2008 and 2009** Many of those losing their homes were families with children.

Yea

Yea

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act

(HR.1256, RCV #206, On the Cloture Motion, 6/10/2009)

This bill protects children and teens by granting the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate the advertising, marketing and manufacturing of tobacco products. **12% of Iowa children have smoked in the last 30 days.**

Yea

Yea

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

(HR.3590, RCV#396, On Passage of the Bill, 12/24/2009)

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the bill to reform the nation's health insurance system will have many positive benefits for children. It will:

- Immediately ban denial of coverage for children based on pre-existing conditions
- Extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and the adoption tax credit to 2016
- Offer health insurance through an Exchange to families without job-based coverage, or are not eligible for government programs, and provide premium assistance to those who can't afford it
- Add billions of dollars for community health centers, which will improve access and delivery of care for millions of children across this country
- Expand Medicaid eligibility to children in families from 100% of poverty to 133% of poverty
- Covering millions of children in this comprehensive program
- Require coverage for basic pediatric services under all health plans as well as oral and vision coverage
- Ensure through a health insurance Exchange that children have access to affordable child-only health insurance policies, regardless of whether their parents change jobs, leave a job, move, or get sick
- Establish a Pregnancy Assistance Fund assist teenaged mothers, allow children to stay on their parents' health insurance until the age 26
- Allow foster care children aging out of Medicaid to retain their comprehensive coverage

Nay

Yea

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Bruce Braley - Iowa - District #1

Davenport; Waterloo; Dubuque

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139,072 – Children <18 in District 20,602 (14.9%) – Children Living in Poverty
 27.4% – Share of Households with Children 7,681 (5.5%) – Uninsured Children

Selected Votes

S-CHIP	Stimulus	Children's Vision Act	Green Schools	Labor HHS Funding	Early Learning Grants	Health Reform	
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	

David Loeb sack - Iowa - District #2

Cedar Rapids; Iowa City

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142,256 – Children <18 in District 20,416 (14.6%) – Children Living in Poverty
 29.3% – Share of Households with Children 7,990 (5.6%) – Uninsured Children

Selected Votes

S-CHIP	Stimulus	Children's Vision Act	Green Schools	Labor HHS Funding	Early Learning Grants	Health Reform	
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	

Leonard Boswell - Iowa - District #3

Des Moines

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162,168 – Children <18 in District 19,439 (12.1%) – Children Living in Poverty
 31.8% – Share of Households with Children 7,924 (4.9%) – Uninsured Children

Selected Votes

S-CHIP	Stimulus	Children's Vision Act	Green Schools	Labor HHS Funding	Early Learning Grants	Health Reform	
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	

Tom Latham - Iowa - District #4

Ames; Mason City; Marshalltown; Fort Dodge

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130,339 – Children <18 in District 18,247 (14.4%) – Children Living in Poverty
 27.7% – Share of Households with Children 8,548 (6.6%) – Uninsured Children

Selected Votes

S-CHIP	Stimulus	Children's Vision Act	Green Schools	Labor HHS Funding	Early Learning Grants	Health Reform	
Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	

Steve King - Iowa - District #5

Sioux City; Council Bluffs

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135,646 – Children <18 in District 21,981 (16.6%) – Children Living in Poverty
 29.6% – Share of Households with Children 7,514 (5.6%) – Uninsured Children

Selected Votes

S-CHIP	Stimulus	Children's Vision Act	Green Schools	Labor HHS Funding	Early Learning Grants	Health Reform	
Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	