**Senator [Firstname Lastname] named a 2019 Defender of Children**

**Washington, D.C., March 12** – Senator [Firstname Lastname (Party-State)] has been named a 2019 Defender of Children by the bipartisan advocacy organization First Focus Campaign for Children.

“Kids don’t vote and they don’t have political action committees,” said Bruce Lesley, president of [First Focus Campaign for Children](https://campaignforchildren.org/). “That’s why it’s up to lawmakers to make children a priority and protect their best interests. We commend Senator [Lastname] for standing up for children and hope their contribution will inspire their colleagues to do the same.”

[First Focus Campaign for Children’s 2019 Legislative Scorecard](https://www.ffccscorecard.org/) ranks members of Congress according to votes and bill sponsorships taken during the 116th Congress that prioritize the well-being of our nation’s children. The 25-page report examines key pieces of legislation on children’s health insurance, child hunger, homelessness, child abuse and neglect, tax credits and other issues critical to advancing the needs of our kids and families. Just 120 members of Congress in total, across both chambers and parties, were named Champions or Defenders for children in the 116th Congress. [*See the full list of winners and legislation at this link.*](https://www.ffccscorecard.org/)

**[Sample quote from Senator]:** “I am delighted to be named a Defender of Children by First Focus, which works to put American children at the center of our legislative priorities. Time and again, research has proven that investing in our children makes them — and our nation — healthy, strong and productive. I will continue to stand up for our nation’s kids at every opportunity.”

**[Sample background for Senator]:** Sen. [Lastname] is a [member/ranking member/chairperson] of the Senate [Committee/Subcommittee] on [fill in the blank], which oversees [issue area related to children]. The Senator recently [introduced/voted in favor of] the [name of bill], which would [advance the health/well-being/education etc] of our nation’s children.

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