



**House Appropriations Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
Witness Bio for Sen. Heidi Heitkamp**

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Heidi Heitkamp co-chairs BPC’s [Working Group on Congress, Courts, and Administrative Law](#), and the [Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Task Force](#). Heitkamp was the first female senator elected from North Dakota, serving from 2013–2019.

During her six years in the U.S. Senate, Heitkamp quickly became a proven senator who worked across the aisle to fight for North Dakotans. She personally showed that if senators work together, it can lead to real solutions. Throughout her time in public service, Heidi prioritized improving the lives of Indigenous people and working families; stopping human trafficking and violence against women; guaranteeing affordable health care; addressing childhood trauma; eliminating unnecessary regulation, and securing a U.S. energy policy that keeps costs low but achieves climate goals. Providing equal economic opportunity for rural America continues to be her lifelong pursuit.

Heitkamp previously served as North Dakota’s attorney general, and elected state tax commissioner. She serves on numerous boards including The McCain Institute, The Howard Buffett Foundation, Restore Democracy Initiative and The German Marshall Fund. She is the founder and chair of the One Country Project, an organization focused on addressing the needs and concerns of rural America. She serves as a contributor to both CNBC and ABC News.