

I voted Yes on H.R. 6655, to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect.

The bill would create a temporary Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities to develop a national strategy for reducing instances of child abuse and neglect and addressing related issues. The commission would study the use of federally funded child welfare and protective services to prevent abuse and neglect, and it would include an examination of the effectiveness of such services, related state and federal policies, current barriers to successful prevention, best practices for prevention and data collection practices. Upon completion of the study, the commission would provide recommendations on ways to reduce child abuse and neglect and develop a federal strategy to reduce these cases and practices.

I support this legislation to examine our current child abuse and neglect programs and develop methods to improve upon these services.

The bill was approved by a vote of 330 – 77.