

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a well respected organization whose mission is: Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. They list their issues as Advocacy, Campus, Career and Workplace, Community, Education, Leadership and Economic Justice.

As part of their Voter Education program, the AAUW publishes their Congressional Voting Record. (<http://www.aauwaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CVR2012.pdf>) Their latest issue covers 2011-2012 (the 112th Congress.) They report that Rep. Tom Reed had earned a ranking of 0 (ZERO), meaning that he did not get any credit on the 10 Legislative bills that they focused on.

Rep. Reed's Voting Record on AAUW's Issues:

EDUCATION

- 1. Scholarship for Opportunities and Results (SOAR) Act (HR 471).** "This legislation would re-authorize the failed District of Columbia private school voucher program. The SOAR Act would allow new students to enroll in the program, increasing the number of students who receive vouchers, and increase voucher funding overall." That would decrease public school funding. Rep. Reed supported this program, which the AAUW strongly disagrees with. (HR 471, Roll Call vote #204, March 30, 2011)
- 2. High School Athletics Accountability Act of 2011 (HR 458).** This bill was introduced by Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY) and Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV) and would require High Schools to report basic data on the number of female and male students participate in their athletic programs, as well as their expenditures for their teams, which is required at the collegiate levels. Since the bill died in committee, a representative who co-sponsored it would get credit. The House leadership refused to have a vote on this bill, but Rep. Reed did not co-sponsor it.
- 3. Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act (HR 2016).** This bill would require schools to adopt policies to prevent and respond to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults, and stalking. This would amend the Clery Act which required colleges and universities to disclose information about crime on and around their campus. This bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, and died in the committee level. Rep. Tom Reed was not one of the 111 co-sponsor of this bill.

ECONOMY SECURITY

- 1. Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011 (HR 2560)** This bill would impose a cap on federal spending which would lead to substantial cuts beginning 2012. These

changes would be contingent on congressional approval of a balance budget amendment to the Constitution. A balance budget amendment would force government programs to cut benefits regardless of balances in their trust funds. The AAUW is opposed to this law, and Rep. Tom Reed voted for it.

2. **Paying a Fair Share Act of 2012 (HR 3903)** This bill, also known as the Buffett Rule, would amend the tax code to require individuals earning more than \$1 million would not pay a tax rate under 30 percent. The AAUW approves of this legislation, and Rep. Tom Reed voted against it.
3. **Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 (HR 1)** This bill would have cut \$60 billion from fiscal year 2011 federal government spending by targeting several successful programs for elimination including those that help children remain in and succeed in school, assist students pursuing higher education, encourage unemployed workers to enroll in job training, ensure access to affordable health services, support older adults and their family caregivers, and protect workers against sex discrimination, pay discrimination, and pregnancy discrimination. The AAUW was opposed to this law. Rep. Reed voted for it.
4. **Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1519)** This bill would strengthen the Equal Pay Act by creating incentives for employers to follow the law, to empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and to strengthen enforcement efforts. The AAUW supported this law; Rep. Reed voted No.

Civil Rights

1. **Violence Against Women's Reauthorization Act 2012 (HR 4970)** The House version of this bill is weak since it does not include provisions to include the safety of college campuses, and it rejects protections for men and women who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. It also eliminates protections for women and children abused on tribal lands. The AAUW was against this version of the bill, and Rep. Tom Reed voted for it. *(It should be noted that the 2013 version of this bill, with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and the Native Americans being protected was approved by the House (and Senate and signed into law). Rep. Tom Reed did not vote on the 2013 version.*
2. **Pence Amendment (H. Amdt. 95 to HR 1)** This amendment would completely eliminate the national family planning program known as Title X and excluded Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds for any of its services. AAUW was against this amendment, Rep. Tom Reed voted for it.
3. **Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (HR 1179)** This bill would allow a health insurance plan to refuse to cover specific health insurance services that are contrary to the beliefs of the beneficiary's employer. This bill died in committee. The AAUW was against this legislation. Rep. Tom Reed was one of the 223 cosponsors.