

# Paul Says Surgeon General Nomination ‘Held Up’ by HELP Committee

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- Casey Means' surgeon general nomination is "being held up" by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, according to Sen. Rand Paul.
- Means has made controversial statements about vaccines and psychedelics, and some senators, including Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski, are undecided about their votes for her.
- Sen. Rand Paul urged MAHA supporters to contact the offices of certain senators to urge them to vote for Means in the committee.

Casey Means' surgeon general nomination is "being held up" by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) said Wednesday.

"As most of you know I'm on the HELP Committee. We have before us MAHA advocate Casey Means' nomination to be surgeon general. It's being held up though at the committee. It should've been out, we should've voted long ago," Paul said during a streaming video call held by the MAHA Action group.

Means is a wellness influencer, Stanford University-trained physician, and ally of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Make America Healthy Again, or MAHA, movement. She has made controversial statements in the past about vaccines and psychedelics.

Paul urged MAHA supporters to write and call the offices of Senate HELP Chair Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) to urge them to vote for Means in the committee.

During her confirmation [hearing](#) before the HELP Committee in February, Means told senators that she would encourage individuals to consult their doctors about getting vaccinated. Collins and Murkowski have been telling reporters over the past week that they are [undecided](#) about their votes for Means and are still learning more about her views. Cassidy has declined to comment on her nomination.

“Casey Means’ nomination is stalled really due to what they consider her great offense, advocating for vaccinations based on informed consent with your health care provider,” Paul said. “For holding this simple thought crime, the public health establishment has engaged in character assassination to tank her nomination.”