

HRES 1398

Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continued gross violations of political, civil, and human rights of the Syrian people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, calling on the Government of Syria to immediately and unconditionally release prisoners of conscience and other political prisoners, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2008)

Condemns: (1) the gross violations of the political, civil, and human rights of the Syrian people by the government of the Syrian Arab Republic; and (2) the arrest and unjust conviction and imprisonment of prisoners of conscience.

Calls on the government of Syria to end the torture and mistreatment of prisoners and to lift the state of emergency that has been imposed for over 44 years.

Calls on the President and the Secretary of State to: (1) consider pursuing further actions at the United Nations (UN) to draw attention to Syria's deplorable record on human rights and the plight of Syrian political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; and (2) make political, civil, and human rights a priority in bilateral relations with Syria.

Actions Timeline

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