

## HJRES 40

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Apr 23, 2013

**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Apr 25, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 23, 2013)

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Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits denial or abridgement of the rights of a crime victim to fairness, respect, and dignity. Grants a crime victim the right: (1) to reasonable notice of, and to not be excluded from, public proceedings relating to the offense; (2) to be heard at any release, plea, sentencing, or other such proceeding involving any right established under this amendment; (3) to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; (4) to reasonable notice of the release or escape of the accused; (5) to due consideration of the crime victim's safety and privacy; and (6) to restitution.

Grants the crime victim, or the victim's lawful representative, standing to fully assert and enforce such rights in any court.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 23, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 23, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.