

HR 2802

First Amendment Defense Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** ID • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (172 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jun 17, 2015
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Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
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Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jun 17, 2015

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Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Hurt, Robert [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2015

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Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Stutzman, Marlin A. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Hardy, Cresent [R-NV-4]	R · NV		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jul 16, 2015

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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jul 22, 2015
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jul 22, 2015
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 13, 2016
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Feb 10, 2016
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2016
Rep. Huizinga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Mar 16, 2016
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Mar 17, 2016
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Apr 11, 2016
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Apr 11, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 10, 2016

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Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		May 16, 2016
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		May 27, 2016
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 18, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1598	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

First Amendment Defense Act

Prohibits the federal government from taking discriminatory action against a person on the basis that such person believes or acts in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction that: (1) marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman, or (2) sexual relations are properly reserved to such a marriage.

Defines "discriminatory action" as any federal government action to discriminate against a person with such beliefs or convictions, including a federal government action to:

- alter the federal tax treatment of, cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke certain tax exemptions of any such person;
- disallow a deduction of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;
- withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise deny any federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, loan, license, certification, accreditation, employment, or similar position or status from or to such person; or
- withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise deny any benefit under a federal benefit program.

Requires the federal government to consider to be accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of federal law any person who would be accredited, licensed, or certified for such purposes but for a determination that the person believes or acts in accordance with such a religious belief or moral conviction.

Permits a person to assert an actual or threatened violation of this Act as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and to obtain compensatory damages or other appropriate relief against the federal government.

Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action to enforce this Act against the Government Accountability Office or an establishment in the executive branch, other than the U.S. Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory Commission, that is not an executive department, military department, or government corporation.

Defines "person" as any person regardless of religious affiliation, including corporations and other entities regardless of for-profit or nonprofit status.

Actions Timeline

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