

HR 624

Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act

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Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		May 12, 2015
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 16, 2016
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		May 23, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 11, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 284	Related bill	May 18, 2016: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act

Directs the President to impose U.S. entry and property sanctions against any foreign person (or entity) who:

- is responsible for extrajudicial killings, torture, or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights committed against individuals in any foreign country, especially those persons seeking to expose illegal activity carried out by government officials, or to obtain, exercise, or promote human rights and freedoms;
- acted as an agent of or on behalf of a foreign person in such activities;
- is a government official (or senior associate of such official) responsible for, or complicit in, ordering or otherwise directing acts of significant corruption or the facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption to foreign jurisdictions; or
- has materially assisted or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, such activities.

Prescribes related penalties.

Authorizes the President, with regard to such sanctions, to:

- waive their application, with prior congressional notification, if in U.S. national security interests; and
- terminate them under specified conditions.

States that sanctions shall not apply if necessary to comply with the Agreement between the United Nations (U.N.) and the United States regarding the U.N. Headquarters, or other applicable international obligations of the United States.

Directs the President to report to Congress annually regarding each foreign person sanctioned, the type of sanctions imposed, and the reason for their imposition.

Directs the Comptroller General to assess for Congress: (1) the process to determine whether a foreign person has engaged in a sanctionable activity, whether sanctions should be imposed, and whether the identity of a sanctioned foreign person should be classified; and (2) implementation of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Feb 3, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E151)
- **Jan 30, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.