

HR 3641

Free File Permanence Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]

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

Cosponsors (132 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Aug 18, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2017

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Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Oct 6, 2017

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Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Dec 5, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Dec 21, 2017
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2018

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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 6, 2018
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Apr 25, 2018
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Free File Permanence Act of 2017

This bill requires the Department of the Treasury to continue to operate the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Free File Program.

The program must work with state government agencies to enhance and expand the use of the program, while continuing to:

- provide free commercial-type online individual income tax preparation and electronic filing services to the lowest 70% of taxpayers by income;
- provide all taxpayers (regardless of income) with a basic, online electronic fillable forms utility; and
- work with the private sector to provide the free tax preparation and electronic filing services.

Treasury must work with the private sector through the program to identify and implement innovative new program features to improve and simplify the taxpayer's experience with completing and filing individual income tax returns.

The IRS and members of the tax software and electronic industry involved in the program must support and promote improvements within the program by mutually testing, piloting, and offering innovative solutions to:

- simplify the tax system,
- reduce compliance and reporting burdens,
- increase tax return accuracy through financial data authentication,
- strengthen the tax system against fraud through cybersecurity collaboration,
- avoid duplication, and
- maximize the use of electronic technology.

The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee must report annually to Congress regarding the program, including website statistics, cybersecurity standards, demographic information, marketing and education efforts, simplifications and innovations, and state and local participation.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
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