

## HR 4187

### BLAST Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Oct 31, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Nov 17, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4187>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 6, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5946	Related bill	<b>May 23, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
115 S 1189	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### Summary (as of Oct 31, 2017)

#### Banning Lobbying and Safeguarding Trust Act or the BLAST Act

This bill permanently prohibits former Members of Congress from lobbying any current Member, officer, or employee of Congress on behalf of any other person. Under current law, a former Senator is prohibited from lobbying Members for two years after leaving office; a former Member of the House of Representatives is prohibited from lobbying Members for one year after leaving office.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.