

## HR 6249

### REFUSE Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jun 27, 2018

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jun 27, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6249>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 17, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 23, 2018
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 23, 2018
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2018
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 26, 2018
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 26, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2018
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 25, 2018
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 25, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 27, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4170	Related bill	<b>Jan 17, 2018:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 6.
115 S 2039	Related bill	<b>Oct 31, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6926-6929)
115 S 1679	Related bill	<b>Jul 31, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
115 HR 2811	Related bill	<b>Jul 12, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 S 625	Related bill	<b>Mar 14, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## Summary (as of Jun 27, 2018)

### Repelling Encroachment by Foreigners into U.S. Elections Act or the REFUSE Act

This bill (1) expands the ban on contributions by foreign nationals to elections to include corporations subject to specified levels of ownership or control by foreign nationals or governments; (2) prohibits certain types of tax-exempt, foreign-affiliated organizations from taking certain campaign-related actions, such as contributing to a super political action committee (super PAC); and (3) prohibits foreign nationals from participating in the decision-making process with regard to any person's election-related activities.

The bill also makes various changes to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA), such as by (1) repealing an exemption from FARA requirements for individuals registered as lobbyists, and (2) expanding filing and labeling requirements related to the transmission of informational materials in the interests of a foreign principal.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E936-937)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.