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Conscience Protection Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]

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

Cosponsors (90 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Amash, Justin [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Apr 1, 2019

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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		May 10, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Sep 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 183	Identical bill	Jan 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Apr 1, 2019)

Conscience Protection Act of 2019

This bill provides statutory authority for certain restrictions prohibiting discrimination against health care providers that refuse to perform abortions.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the federal government, as well as state and local governments that receive federal financial assistance for health-related activities, from penalizing or discriminating against a health care provider based on the provider's refusal to be involved in, or provide coverage for, abortions. Currently, similar provider nondiscrimination requirements apply to certain employment or personnel decisions (the Church Amendments), abortion services training (the Coats-Snowe Amendment), and qualified health plans offered through health insurance exchanges. Annual appropriations bills for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other federal agencies have also included similar language (the Weldon Amendment).

The HHS Office for Civil Rights, in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ), must investigate complaints alleging discrimination based on an individual's religious belief, moral conviction, or refusal to be involved in an abortion.

DOJ or any entity adversely affected by such discrimination may obtain equitable or legal relief in a civil action. Administrative remedies do not need to be sought or exhausted prior to commencing an action or granting relief. Such an action may be brought against a governmental entity and may include money damages against such entity.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 1, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce