

HR 8500

Attacks on Free Press Transparency Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Oct 1, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 1, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8500>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2020)

Attacks on Free Press Transparency Act

This bill establishes an electronic system within the Department of Justice for members of the press to file complaints alleging misconduct by law enforcement agencies and officers.

Law enforcement agencies must respond to complaints within 60 days as a condition of receiving certain funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program and participating in the Department of Defense program related to surplus military equipment (known as the 1033 program).

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.