

HR 1009

COVID–19 Language Access Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]

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

Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 18, 2021

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Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 28, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jan 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2021)

COVID-19 Language Access Act

This bill requires each federal agency that receives federal assistance related to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic to translate any English language written material prepared for the general public relating to the pandemic, including COVID-19 vaccine distribution and education, into specified languages not later than seven days after such material is made available in English.

Such languages shall include, at a minimum, the following: Spanish, Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, Haitian Creole, French, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese, Greek, Polish, Thai, and Portuguese.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E128)
- **Feb 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.