

## HR 1201

### International Human Rights Defense Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Feb 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights. (Apr 2, 2021)

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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2021

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Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 24, 2021
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Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Oct 7, 2022
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 424	Identical bill	Feb 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## **International Human Rights Defense Act of 2021**

This bill establishes in the Department of State a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex) Peoples who shall serve as the principal State Department advisor regarding human rights for LGBTQI people and represent the United States in diplomatic matters relevant to the human rights of LGBTQI people.

The special envoy shall periodically provide Congress with a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI people. The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development may provide assistance to prevent and respond to such activities against LGBTQI people.

The bill also requires that annual country reports on human rights practices include information on criminalization, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights.
- **Feb 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.