

## HR 2544

### Help Empower Americans to Respond Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Oct 19, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2544>

## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 18, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1131	Identical bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Apr 14, 2021)

#### Help Empower Americans to Respond Act of 2021 or the HEAR Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a firearm silencer or firearm muffler.

The bill does not prohibit certain conduct with respect to a firearm silencer or firearm muffler, including the following:

- importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession related to certain law enforcement efforts, or authorized tests or experiments; and
- importation, sale, transfer, or possession related to securing nuclear materials.

In addition, the bill requires the Department of Justice to establish and implement a buy-back program to purchase firearm silencers and firearm mufflers. States and local governments may use Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to compensate individuals who surrender firearm silencers and firearm mufflers under this buy-back program.

### Actions Timeline

- Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- Apr 14, 2021: Introduced in House
- Apr 14, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.