

## HR 2838

### Syrian Partner Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 28, 2021
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 28, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 28, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 28, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 28, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 28, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 28, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 28, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		May 28, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jun 22, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 26, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Syrian Partner Protection Act**

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide special immigrant status to qualified aliens who assisted U.S. efforts in Syria against the Islamic State. (A special immigrant is qualified to become a permanent resident.)

A qualifying alien is a Syrian national (or stateless person who habitually resided in Syria) who (1) partnered with or worked for the United States in Syria in a sensitive and trusted capacity (such as an interpreter) on or after January 1, 2014, for at least one year, and (2) provided documented service to U.S. efforts against the Islamic State. The spouse or child of such an alien shall also qualify for special immigrant status.

DHS may admit up to 4,000 principal aliens under this bill each fiscal year for the five fiscal years after this bill's enactment. Unused visas at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and be available the next year. Aliens admitted under this bill shall not be subject to other numerical limitations.

If a qualifying alien applying for special immigrant status under this bill is in imminent danger, the Department of State shall provide protection to that alien.

An alien who has received special immigrant status under this bill shall be eligible for benefits generally available to admitted refugees, such as resettlement assistance.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.