

## S 546

### BLAST Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 2, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 2, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/546>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 2, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7782	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1412	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 459	Related bill	Mar 5, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 470	Related bill	Mar 5, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

### Summary (as of Mar 2, 2021)

#### Banning Lobbying and Safeguarding Trust Act or the BLAST Act

This bill revises the post-employment lobbying ban on former Members and elected officers of Congress.

Specifically, it imposes a permanent ban on lobbying contacts by a former Senator (currently, a two-year ban), a former Member of the House of Representatives (currently, a one-year ban), or a former elected officer of the House or Senate (currently, a one-year ban).

## **Actions Timeline**

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