

## HR 9146

### Free Speech Protection Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Oct 7, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/9146>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 7, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 7, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 7, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Oct 7, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 7, 2022)

#### Free Speech Protection Act

This bill allows a natural person to bring a civil action against a person or entity that files a defamation claim against that natural person if (1) a court determines that liability is precluded for such defamation claim; and (2) the defamation claim is shown to be filed for the purpose of harassment, intimidation, or otherwise suppressing certain speech related to a matter of legitimate public concern.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Oct 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 7, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.