

HR 9146

Free Speech Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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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)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 7, 2022
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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)

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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

- **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.