

## HR 1801

### SAFEGUARD Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

**Introduced:** Mar 27, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. (Mar 27, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1801>

### Sponsor

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

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| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]                  | D · CA        |      | Jun 16, 2023 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]                 | D · IN        |      | Jun 20, 2023 |
| Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]          | D · IL        |      | Jul 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]              | D · NY        |      | Jul 11, 2023 |
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| Rep. Balint, Becca [D-VT-At Large]          | D · VT        |      | Aug 8, 2023  |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]                   | D · CA        |      | Aug 8, 2023  |
| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]         | D · IL        |      | Aug 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]                | D · CA        |      | Sep 13, 2023 |
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| Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]                     | D · NJ        |      | Oct 24, 2023 |
| Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]                   | D · CO        |      | Nov 28, 2023 |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]               | D · CA        |      | Dec 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]               | D · CA        |      | Mar 1, 2024  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Foreign Affairs Committee | House   | Referred To | Mar 27, 2023 |
| Rules Committee           | House   | Referred To | Mar 27, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 118 S 1025 | Related bill | <b>Mar 29, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |

### Summary (as of Mar 27, 2023)

#### **Safeguarding Human Rights in Arms Exports Act of 2023 or the SAFEGUARD Act of 2023**

This bill establishes specified measures to prevent the sale, export, or transfer of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries for use in violation of international humanitarian law or internationally recognized human rights.

These measures include (1) prohibiting arms sales to countries committing genocide or war crimes, (2) requiring a consideration of human rights practices and democratization in any foreign country to which an arms sale is contemplated, and (3) providing for congressional oversight of arms exports to foreign countries wherein certain human rights violations have occurred.

### Actions Timeline

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