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Strengthening Protections for Domestic Violence and Stalking Survivors Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 905	Identical bill	<b>Feb 9, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Strengthening Protections for Domestic Violence and Stalking Survivors Act of 2023**

This bill extends federal firearms-related restrictions to individuals who are convicted of a misdemeanor crime of stalking.

The term *misdemeanor crime of stalking* means an offense that is a misdemeanor under federal, state, tribal, or local law and has a course of harassment, intimidation, or surveillance that (1) causes emotional distress, or (2) places a person in reasonable fear of harm to themselves, an immediate family member, an individual who shares or has shared a residence, an intimate partner, or a pet. The term *intimate partner* includes an individual who is or was in a dating relationship with the person or any other individual similarly situated to a spouse.

Additionally, the bill extends federal firearms-related restrictions to individuals who are subject to a court order restraining them from harassing, stalking, or threatening an individual who is in a current or former dating relationship with them or who is similarly situated to a spouse. Currently, federal firearms-related restrictions generally only apply to individuals who are subject to a court order restraining them from harassing, stalking, or threatening a co-parent of a child, a current or former spouse, or a current or former cohabitant.

### **Actions Timeline**

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