

HR 4478

Freeing Americans Detained Abroad Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 24, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Sep 12, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Freeing Americans Detained Abroad Act

This bill requires the Department of State to dedicate resources to assist U.S. citizens detained or kidnapped overseas. The State Department must

- display, on a public website, a list of resources (including legal services offered pro bono or with payment) that U.S. citizens detained or kidnapped overseas may be eligible to receive;
- train all Foreign Service officers posted overseas on identifying and assisting detained and arbitrarily detained U.S. citizens; and
- designate at least one Foreign Service officer at each overseas diplomatic or consular post as a hostage affairs officer.

## Actions Timeline

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