

PASS THE PROTECTING OUR PROTESTERS ACT

All Members of Congress must support H.R. 3651: Protecting Our Protesters Act of 2025 to protect the rights of every person in the U.S. to speak, assemble, and organize free from fear of violence or retaliation.

The right to protest is under attack in the United States. From restrictive state legislation, to threats from the President, to the deployment of the national guard, to universities cracking down on student protest, undermining our human rights and core freedoms. Law enforcement has used excessive force, intimidation, surveillance and detention to punish people peacefully protesting, whether students on campus, workers organizing for their rights, or communities standing up for racial justice.

These attacks and crackdowns on protestors are part of a broader trend of authoritarian practices designed to shrink civic space, silence dissent, and target marginalized communities, especially immigrant and international students. Peaceful protest is a human right under international law and is one of the most powerful ways we, the people, hold those in power accountable. From the civil rights movement to the fight for climate justice and racial equity, protests have been central to progress in the United States.

H.R. 3651, the Protecting Our Protestors Act of 2025, is a vital step to protect this right. This bill makes clear that it is a federal crime for any person acting on behalf of the government to willfully deprive protesters of their constitutional rights,

including by using excessive force in response to a protest. By codifying this protection, the bill ensures that those who violate protest rights can be held accountable under federal law.

WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO:

Passing this bill will provide critical protections for students, workers, immigrants and communities across the U.S. who seek to exercise their right to express, dissent and protest safely without fear of retaliation—and it will send a clear message: the U.S. will protect the right to protest.

AIUSA AND HRF RECOMMEND:

- **U.S. Representatives sign-on as a co-sponsor of the H.R. 3651 bill**
- **U.S. Senators work to introduce a companion bill in the Senate.**

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