

Cosponsor Hate Crimes Commission Act of 2023

Endorsing Organizations (8 Total): Major Cities Chiefs Association ([MCCA](#)), Anti-Defamation League ([ADL](#)), National Council of Jewish Women ([NCJW](#)), National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ([NAPABA](#)), Asian Pacific Islander Health Forum ([APIAHF](#)), National Association of Social Workers ([NASW](#)), Futures Without Violence ("[Futures](#)"), [Equality Illinois](#)

U.S. House Co-Leads: Reps. Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Grace Meng (D-NY), and Nydia Velázquez (D-NY).

U.S. Senate Co-Leads: Sens. Gillibrand (D-NY) and Shaheen (D-NH).

Background

Reported hate crimes in the U.S. increased [11.6 percent](#) in 2021 based upon the most recent available data. Persistent [rise in crimes](#) motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, and/or gender identity continues to demonstrate the need for a coordinated, government response. The Department of Justice has stated current data provide an "[incomplete picture](#)." More accurate data is needed to enable communities to effectively respond when these tragedies occur.

Bill Summary

Hate Crimes Commission Act of 2023 creates a bipartisan commission to investigate and expand reporting on hate crimes throughout the United States. This commission would be comprised of a group of 12 members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader (2), Senate Minority Leader (2), Speaker of the House (2), House Minority Leader (2), the U.S. Attorney General (2), and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2) to investigate and report to Congress on the status of hate crimes.

The investigation submitted to Congress will include:

- The number of hate crimes committed over the last 10 years;
- Factors contributing to a potential increase in hate crimes;
- Policies or actions law enforcement agencies might adopt or engage in to reduce the commission of hate crimes;
- The impact of underreporting on hate crimes statistics and hate crimes prevention;
- The ways to improve hate crimes reporting by local law enforcement agencies, including identifying any barriers that may deter such reporting;
- Community bias prevention responses that are successful and possible through coordination with nonprofit organizations, local education agencies, and government entities;
- The prevalence and rise of online hate crime incidents.

The report submitted to Congress will include:

- Ways to improve hate crimes reporting by local law enforcement agencies;
- Recommended community bias prevention responses.

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