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Legislative Brief

No BAN Act:

[HR 2214](#) - Chu

[S. 1123](#) - Coons

What is the No BAN Act and what does it do?

The No BAN Act repeals the President's existing executive order blocking travel from majority Muslim countries and prevents another baseless, discriminatory travel ban from happening again. The bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion, including those with no religion, and restores the separation of powers by limiting overly broad executive authority to issue future travel bans. **Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) endorses the No Ban Act.**

Why is it important to FFRF's members?

Every year religious and non-religious refugees from all over the world look to the United States for leadership and escape from persecution. FFRF's charitable arm, Nonbelief Relief, is helping persecuted atheists flee violent persecution in places like Bangladesh. The Administration's Muslim Ban established a dangerous precedent by imposing a religious test on those seeking to enter the country. The ban is directly at odds with James Madison's vision of the United States as "a home for people fleeing from religious and political persecution from all over the world." The No BAN Act reaffirms those ideas and the promise of American freedom.

What is happening with the Bill?

As of July, 2019 the No BAN Act has been introduced in the House (HB 2214—136 co-sponsors) and in the Senate (S.1123—34 co-sponsors).

In the House, the Bill has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship), Committee on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security (Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations), and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

The Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship is chaired by Congressional Freethought Caucus member Representative Zoe Lofgren.

In the Senate, the Bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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