

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4337

To prohibit the use of physical force by executive branch personnel against Members of Congress conducting oversight in their official capacity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2025

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SIMON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. CASAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To prohibit the use of physical force by executive branch personnel against Members of Congress conducting oversight in their official capacity, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Over-
5 sight Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FORCE AGAINST MEM-**
2 **BERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITED ACTIONS.—No officer, agent, con-
4 tractor, or employee of the executive branch may use phys-
5 ical force, detain, remove, or otherwise physically interfere
6 with a Member of Congress who—

7 (1) is conducting a covered oversight activity;

8 (2) presents valid congressional identification or
9 identifies themselves as a Member of Congress;

10 (3) is present in or on the premises of any fed-
11 erally controlled property; and

12 (4) does not pose a clear and imminent physical
13 threat to persons or property.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—Nothing in this section shall be
15 construed to—

16 (1) exempt a Member of Congress from lawful
17 security screening or building access procedures; or

18 (2) prevent action in response to a clear and
19 imminent physical threat to persons or property.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
21 nitions apply:

22 (1) COVERED OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY.—The term
23 “covered oversight activity” means any activity that
24 includes the review, monitoring, supervision, inves-
25 tigation, visitation, whether scheduled or unsched-
26 uled, by a Member of Congress acting in their offi-

1 cial capacity, with respect to the execution of laws,
2 compliance with court orders, or the administration
3 of Federal programs, policies, or operations.

4 (2) FEDERALLY CONTROLLED PROPERTY.—The
5 term “federally controlled property” means any
6 building, land, or other real property owned, leased,
7 operated, occupied, or used under contract, coopera-
8 tive agreement, or intergovernmental service agree-
9 ment by the Federal Government or any executive
10 branch agency (including detention centers and field-
11 control sites).

○