



Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of DAWN and DAWN Action, I am writing to strongly urge you to co-sponsor the Fighting Foreign Influence Act, introduced today by Congressman Jared Golden. This crucial legislation takes vital steps to safeguard the integrity of American democracy.

The Fighting Foreign Influence Act contains critical measures to combat malign influence from foreign authoritarian regimes. The bill's prohibition on former senior government officials from acting as lobbyists for foreign governments will help shut the revolving door that creates harmful conflicts of interest for existing officials who are enticed to make decisions to benefit their future foreign employers and enables abusive regimes to buy access and influence. The bill also shines a much-needed light on think tanks by requiring them to disclose foreign funding sources, ensuring transparency about who is shaping policy debates. These provisions, among others in the bill, will strengthen America's resilience against tactics that dictatorships in the Middle East have exploited to manipulate U.S. policy in ways that undermine democratic values.

The corrosive influence of foreign authoritarians, including from the Middle East, poses an unprecedented threat to America's democratic institutions and policy making. The Fighting Foreign Influence Act will curb the ability of abusive MENA regimes to manipulate U.S. policy by prohibiting former senior officials from working as their lobbyists, increasing transparency, closing loopholes, and strengthening accountability.

While DAWN and DAWN Action's mission focuses on promoting democracy in the MENA region, we recognize that this cannot be fully achieved without also protecting the integrity of our own political system against malign foreign influence. By ensuring U.S. policy upholds American values and interests, this bill will support the aspirations of citizens across MENA who are striving for freedom and the rule of law.

We call on you to co-sponsor the Fighting Foreign Influence Act. A strong Congressional stance in defense of democracy and against foreign corruption of our political process is urgently needed. America's ability to stand credibly for our principles abroad depends on getting our own house in order.

The Fighting Foreign Influence Act deserves broad bipartisan support. We hope we can count on you to champion this essential legislation and ensure that American foreign policy reflects the values and interests of the American people, not the agendas of abusive foreign powers.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be pleased to meet with you or your staff to discuss the bill and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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