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## Legislation to Get US Out! of the UN

The United Nations is one of the greatest threats to American freedom and independence. From its very foundation in the waning months of WWII, the main purpose of the global body has been to serve as the foundation of — and incrementally build up to — a nascent one-world government.

Nearly 80 years after the UN's founding, this fact is becoming increasingly apparent. For example, the global body is aggressively urging implementation of Agenda 2030, its master plan for taking full control of every aspect of society via extreme environmental policies. Meanwhile, UN affiliates and other related agencies such as the World Health Organization and World Trade Organization are tightening their grip over their member nations. Here at home, the permanent federal bureaucracy and the establishment of both political parties — all heavily influenced by the globalist Council on Foreign Relations — have for decades pushed for gradually merging the United States into this emerging world government.



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Thankfully, some members of Congress are pushing back against the erosion of U.S. sovereignty by introducing legislation to withdraw the United States from the UN.

### The DEFUND Act

[H.R. 6645](#) and [S. 3428](#), titled the Disengaging Entirely From the United Nations Debacle (DEFUND) Act, were respectively introduced in the 118th Congress on December 6, 2023 by Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) and Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah). Co-sponsors as of late March included Representatives Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), Diana Harshbarger (R-Tenn.), Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fla.), Harriet Hageman (R-Wyo.), and Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), as well as Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.).

H.R. 6645 and S. 3428 are identical and, as mentioned above, would restore U.S. sovereignty by withdrawing the United States from the UN and its affiliated agencies. Section 2 of the legislation would repeal the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, which established U.S. membership in the UN; direct the U.S. president to “terminate all membership by the United States in the United Nations, and in any organ, specialized agency, commission, or other formally affiliated body”; and close the U.S.



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Mission to the United Nations.

However, the DEFUND Act does not stop there. For example, it would repeal the United Nations Headquarters Agreement Act, thus evicting the UN from its headquarters in New York City, and prohibit any U.S. funding for the UN and its affiliated organizations — saving American taxpayers more than \$18 billion per year.

The legislation would prohibit U.S. participation in UN peacekeeping operations, ban the use of U.S. government property by the UN, and revoke diplomatic immunity for UN entities and employees. It would also specifically rescind U.S. membership in the World Health Organization, and broadly “end any participation in any conventions and agreements with the United Nations” and its affiliates.

Finally, the DEFUND Act would ensure the retention of U.S. sovereignty by prohibiting the president from unilaterally entering into agreements with the UN or its affiliates.

In a December 7 press release announcing the legislation, Representative Roy stated, “This year, the United Nations’ corruption, and its despicable, brazen political agenda have been on full display.... The UN doesn’t deserve one single dime of American taxpayer money or one bit of our support; we should defund it and leave immediately.”

**Defending American sovereignty:** Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) is a lead sponsor of legislation to withdraw the United States from the UN. With a lifetime Freedom Index score of 96 percent, Roy tends to vote according to constitutional principles. (AP Images)



Senator Lee stated, “No more blank checks for the United Nations. Americans’ hard-earned dollars have been funneled into initiatives that fly in the face of our values — enabling tyrants, betraying allies, and spreading bigotry. With the DEFUND Act, we’re stepping away from this debacle.”

Meanwhile, *The Salt Lake Tribune* lamented that Lee used “some of the same arguments to support the bill that the far-right John Birch Society first employed,” alluding to the decades-long work of the parent organization of *The New American* to withdraw from the UN and educate Americans about the global body’s threat to U.S. sovereignty and freedom.

This is not the first time UN-withdrawal legislation has been introduced. Such proposals in Congress stretch at least as far back as 1962, when Representative James Utt (R-Calif.) introduced H.R. 9567, “a bill to rescind and revoke membership of the United States in the United Nations and the specialized



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agencies thereof and to repeal the Immunities Act relative thereto.”

Later, in the early 1980s, Representative Larry McDonald (D-Ga.) — who also served as chairman of The John Birch Society — introduced and advocated the United Nations Termination Act.

Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas), another leading proponent of getting us out of the UN, regularly introduced the legislation in the 1990s and 2000s, with other representatives such as Bob Stump (R-Ariz.) and Paul Broun (R-Ga.) also introducing it at different times. The bill was most recently introduced by Representative Rogers in 2022 as the American Sovereignty Restoration Act.

However, although UN-withdrawal legislation has been repeatedly introduced in the House of Representatives, this is the first time it has been introduced in the Senate. Although a lot more work is needed to accomplish full UN withdrawal, this development is a testament to the awakening of the American public to the dangers of UN membership.

## **Taking Action to Get US Out!**

The DEFUND Act comes at a critical time. The UN is preparing for its “Summit of the Future” in New York City on September 22-23, 2024, when it will attempt to “move towards a reinvigorated multilateral system” at the expense of its member nations’ sovereignty. This brazen power grab would potentially include implementing Agenda 2030 and its proposed “Emergency Platform” that would allow the UN to unilaterally exert power over countries and citizens under the guise of addressing “global emergencies.” Meanwhile, as *The New American* has previously covered, UN agencies including — but certainly not limited to — the World Health Organization, International Maritime Organization, and International Monetary Fund are working to implement their own power grabs.

There is much that Americans can do to avert the incorporation of the United States into an emerging UN world government. For example, all Americans can contact or meet with their U.S. representative and senators to inform them about the dangers of UN membership and urge them to support the DEFUND Act. These efforts should not be limited to members of Congress, since state and local officials, who often eventually enter Congress themselves, can enact legislation hampering UN initiatives. Just as important — if not more so — is educating fellow citizens about the UN’s threat to American freedom, which will in turn generate greater pressure on Congress to withdraw.

Although these actions can be taken individually, they are far more effective when done in a concerted manner through a national organization, namely The John Birch Society. Founded in 1958, the JBS and its members have worked tirelessly to defend American freedom and independence, including by ending U.S. membership in the UN through its *Get US Out!* campaign.

These efforts are already bearing fruit. For example, last year, Tennessee lawmakers enacted legislation banning state agencies and local governments from implementing programs “originating in, or traceable to, the United Nations or a subsidiary entity of the United Nations,” including Agenda 21/2030 and the UN’s “proposal to reach net zero emissions by 2050.” Alabama enacted similar legislation in 2012, while other states and localities have introduced or enacted anti-UN legislation in recent years.

Rather than agreeing to remain a member of — and provide billions of dollars in funding to — an organization that is antithetical to the American system of government, Congress must act to restore U.S. sovereignty and defend what the Founding Fathers worked to establish. And it’s up to ordinary



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citizens — through building an educated electorate — to ensure that our leaders uncompromisingly defend our Republic and God-given freedoms.



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