

Several key GOP senators speak out against Trump’s immigration executive order

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Senators

Senator	State	What they said
Jeff Flake	Arizona	Flake called Trump’s executive order “unacceptable.”
John McCain	Arizona	McCain released a joint statement with Senator Graham arguing that the order “may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security.”
Susan Collins	Maine	Collins called the order “overly broad” and said that implementing it would be “immediately problematic.” She noted that the order could block the immigration of “people who literally saved the lives of our troops and diplomats during the last decade and whose lives are at risk if they remain in Iraq.”
Ben Sasse	Nebraska	Sasse criticized the order as too broad and worried that it send the message that “the US sees all Muslims as Jihadis.”
Rob Portman	Ohio	Portman said that he supported the two federal judges who temporarily stayed the order. He also said that Congress should be involved in changing immigration policies.
Lindsey Graham	South Carolina	Graham and McCain’s joint statement called the order “a self-inflicted wound.”
Lamar Alexander	Tennessee	Said that the order is not “explicitly a religious test,” but that “it comes close.”
Bob Corker	Tennessee	The chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee called the order “poorly implemented” and said that it needed revisions, but clarified that he did want some of the provisions ultimately reinstated.

Source: National Journal research, 2017; Brad Plumer, “The (growing) list of Republicans in Congress who have criticized Trump’s immigration order,” Vox, January 29, 2017.

Most GOP reps have not yet denounced Trump’s order

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Carlos Curbelo	Florida	Curbelo tweeted, “US permanent residents shouldn't be detained, deported, or discriminated against. They've already been thoroughly vetted #executiveorders.”
Illeana Ros-Lehtinen	Florida	“I object to the suspension of visas from the seven named countries because we could have accomplished our objective of keeping our homeland safe by immediate implementation of more thorough screening procedures,” she said.
Justin Amash	Michigan	Amash released a series of tweets assailing the order, which he argued was executive overreach. He said that the list of countries targeted were ‘more about politics than safety.’
Elise Stafnik	New York	Said, “I oppose President Trump’s rushed and overly broad Executive Order...On the House Armed Services Committee, I have advocated for Iraqi and Afghans who have served side by side as our allies to be prioritized to access visas.”
Charlie Dent	Pennsylvania	Dent’s district has one of the largest Syrian refugee populations in the nation. He urged Trump to halt the enforcement and he called the order “ridiculous.” Dent called for more nuanced and thoughtful immigration policy, which he said “can be life or death for many innocent, vulnerable people.
Brian Fitzpatrick	Pennsylvania	“The president’s policy entirely misses the mark,” he said.
Barbara Comstock	Virginia	Criticized the order for “inexplicably” applying to Green Card holders and said the issue should be “addressed and corrected expeditiously.”
Dan Newhouse	Washington	Said that the order was needlessly disruptive and called on the administration to review it.

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