



# Concerned Citizen California Action Alert

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## Help Stop the Unnecessary "Hate Crime" Bill

"Hate crimes" legislation threatens our religious freedom and other civil liberties. Such laws are wholly unnecessary – criminal acts are already illegal – yet liberals in Congress have already introduced a "hate crimes" bill in the House, and a Senate bill is expected.



"Hate crime" laws pose a danger to civil liberties in several ways:

- They pave the way for suppression of the freedoms of speech, association and religion.
- They violate the concept of equal protection under the law, treating some victims differently because of their class. The proposed categories of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" in "hate crimes" legislation create special classes of victims based solely upon behavioral identification with a group of people.
- They introduce the un-American concept of "thought crime," in which someone's actions are "more" illegal based on their thoughts or beliefs.
- "Hate crimes" laws politicize criminal law, leading to pressure on police and prosecutors to devote more of their limited resources to some cases at the expense of other crime victims' cases.
- State criminal statutes already prosecute "hate crimes" to the fullest extent of their laws. In other words, existing laws, like those we have in California, are already working.

For more information about "hate crimes" read "[Hate Crime Laws: An Assault on Freedom.](#)"

**CWA's [Project 535](#) lobby team will be in Washington, D.C., visiting the Capitol on Wednesday, March 25, and will be focusing on the Senate.** Please help ensure that Sens. Boxer and Feinstein will have heard from their constituents on this important issue prior to the time our citizen lobby teams visit their offices.

**Action:** *Please take a moment to speak out and share your concerns about any attempts to pass "hate crimes" legislation in the U.S. Senate. You can simply say, "Crimes like murder and assault are already illegal. Please don't pass unnecessary laws, like the "hate crimes" bill, that threaten my freedoms." Call, fax or e-mail your views.*

### **Contact information:**

Sen. Barbara Boxer – Phone (202) 224-3553, fax (415) 956-6701, or [e-mail through this link](#)  
Sen. Dianne Feinstein – Phone (202) 224-3841, fax (202) 228-3954, or [e-mail through this link](#)

You may also call offices within California listed on [Sen. Boxer's website](#) and [Sen. Feinstein's website](#).

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### **Make your voice heard on California bills**

Go to <http://ca.cwfa.org>

Click "Targeted Bills"

Check bills, download talking  
points and sample letters.

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### **Pray:**

Ask that the very real concerns our team expresses will fall on ears that will hear and understand the truth. Ask God to reveal the truth about "hate crimes" laws to our senators and their staff members.

**Thank you for making a difference! Visit our California website at <http://ca.cwfa.org> to find other helpful information for you and your family.**