

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Introduces new drain the swamp legislation

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Washington, D.C.— Today Congressman Mike Gallagher introduced two bills to get Members of Congress and senior government officials to work for the American people instead of special interests. The first bill, [H.R. 1522](#), would ban Members of Congress, senior executive branch officials, and general and flag officers of the Armed Forces from lobbying on behalf of foreign interests. The second bill, [H.R. 1523](#), would require federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge restricting their ability to lobby their former colleagues.

“These common-sense changes would go a long way towards slowing the revolving door between government and special interests. Our most trusted leaders should be held to a higher standard. They should use their positions of power and influence to serve the American People, not foreign interests or the swamp,” **said Rep. Gallagher.**

This new legislation is a part of Rep. Gallagher’s broader effort to fix Congress. Last month, he introduced the [Serve the People, Not the Swamp Act](#), a collection of common-sense Congressional reforms to prevent Congress from going into recess without first adopting a balanced federal budget; establish a 5-year ban on lobbying for Members of Congress and high-ranking executive branch officials; and terminate taxpayer-funded pensions for Members of Congress.