



Federal Bar Association

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20505

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
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Washington, DC 20505

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Chairman Nadler:

I am writing on behalf of the 15,000 members of the Federal Bar Association, including 1,500 federal judges and magistrate judges, to urge you to schedule for House consideration this month the bipartisan Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act (H.R. 4436).

The FBA supports H.R. 4436 because it would protect federal judges and their families by making it easier for them to get personally identifiable information off of the Internet. As you may recall, Daniel Anderl, the 20-year-old son of a New Jersey federal judge, was fatally shot in July 2020, and her husband was gravely wounded, when a disgruntled litigant came to the family's door posing as a deliveryman. The gunman found the judge's personal information on the Internet.

This bill establishes guidelines for protecting the personal information of active, senior, recalled, or retired federal judges and their immediate families and facilitates efforts at the federal, state, and local government levels to prevent the releases of such information. It is narrowly tailored and includes a number of exceptions, striking a balance between the need for judicial security with the public's interest in transparency.

In light of recent threats against federal judges, the murder of a retired state judge in the past few days, and the original inspiration for the Daniel Anderl bill, we believe it is imperative for Congress to consider and pass this legislation. The FBA has made this legislation one of its top policy priorities for the 117th Congress and has worked diligently to generate cosponsors and to raise awareness of the need for this bill. Having seen that Congress is in the process of responding legislatively to the recent protests outside Supreme Court Justice's homes, we believe that the rest of the federal judiciary deserves timely consideration of the bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Sherrill.

Please let me know how the Federal Bar Association can assist you on this or any other issue involving the federal legal system.

Sincerely,

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