

## **ACTION ALERT: Pass the Emmett Till Antilynching Act**

**“Our country’s national crime is lynching.” (Ida B. Wells)**

After more than 100 years of unsuccessful legislative efforts to make lynching a federal offense, it’s time for justice for the victims of lynching and their communities. The Emmett Till Antilynching Act awaits approval. Your help is needed to push it through.

- Over 6400 people were lynched between 1865 and 1968, and most were African Americans. These numbers represent the documented cases; many others went unrecorded.
- Lynching (murder) is a crime that occurred in every state except four.
- **Ninety-nine percent** of all lynching perpetrators escaped punishment by state or local officials.



**The Emmett Till Antilynching Act will make lynching a federal hate crime, allowing federal intervention and guidelines in charging, prosecuting, and sentencing perpetrators of lynching.**

**The bill was reintroduced by the House on January 4, 2021.**

**Why Support This Bill.** No matter how old the crime, victims of lynching and their families deserve justice. Moreover, lynching continues and remains a threat as seen by the events of January 6, 2021.

**What You Can Do.** Contact your senators and representatives to urge them to vote for H.R. 55 - Emmett Till Antilynching Act. See the list of MD representatives with their contact information below. Representatives Steny Hoyer and Anthony Brown represent Prince George’s County.

*Data Sources:* [Text - H.R.55 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Emmett Till Antilynching Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#); [Text - H.R.35 - 116th Congress \(2019-2020\): Emmett Till Antilynching Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#); Reconstruction in America, Equal Justice Initiative, 2020 ( [Reconstruction in America - Read Report | Equal Justice InitiativeEJI Reports](#)).

On January 6, 2021, a mob of insurrectionists opposing the presidential election results erected nooses on our Capitol grounds and stormed the Capitol, leaving this symbol of terror and threat. (Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP/Getty Images)



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