



UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON  
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**Short Biography**  
**Frank Wolf, Commissioner**  
**U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**



Frank Wolf was appointed to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom in May 2022 by then-House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

He served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years, representing the 10th district of the state of Virginia. He is the author of the International Religious Freedom Act, or IRFA, which infused religious freedom into U.S. foreign policy. The recent update (2016) of the International Religious Freedom legislation was named the Frank Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, which was passed unanimously. Wolf also is the author of the legislation to create a special envoy at the U.S.

State Department to advocate for religious minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia. He founded and served as co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, a bipartisan organization made up of Members of Congress who work together to raise awareness about international human rights issues.