

**PASI Statement Regarding the Global Press Freedom Act, U.S. Senate (117th Congress), Bill S. 204**

The Polish American Strategic Initiative, a nationwide organization bringing together Americans of Polish descent, strongly objects to and wholeheartedly condemns the untrue and defamatory statements about Poland present in the U.S. Senate Bill S.204.

Contrary to the false, anti-Polish assertions contained in the Bill, Poland neither recently suffered a significant decline in press freedom, nor has it been detaining journalists. Both statements have no basis in reality. Sadly, their inclusion in the Bill reveals either ignorance or heavy anti-Polish bias of the author of the Bill, Senator Brian Schatz. Contrary to Senator Schatz's assertions, Poland affords its populace access to diversified information representing the whole political and ideological spectrum.

Unfortunately, censorship does still exist in Poland. It is perpetrated by foreign companies such as Facebook which massively censors and suppresses certain voices. Another foreign-owned media company, TVN, a subsidiary of Discovery, Inc, was recently taken to task by its employees, who alleged in an open letter that bullying, coercion, smear, and corruption are rampant within the company.

Americans of Polish descent support the Global Press Freedom Act; however, they demand that the untrue and inflammatory statements regarding the purported decline in press freedom in Poland and the false assertion that Poland arrests journalists are removed from the Bill.

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