

SRES 439

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC should eliminate the "adult entertainment" section of the classified advertising website Backpage.com.

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Apr 25, 2012

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8319-8320) (Dec 20, 2012)

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8319-8320) (Dec 20, 2012)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 26, 2012
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 24, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 17, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HRES 646	Identical bill	May 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
112 HRES 649	Related bill	May 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Expresses support for: (1) law enforcement agency efforts to provide training to law enforcement agents on how to investigate and prosecute cases of sex trafficking and how to identify and rescue trafficking victims; and (2) trafficking victim services provided by the federal, state, and local governments and non-profit and faith-based organizations, including medical, legal, mental health, housing, and other social services.

Calls on Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC to act as a responsible global citizen and immediately eliminate the "adult entertainment" section of the classified advertising website Backpage.com to terminate the website's facilitation of online sex trafficking.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2012:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8318-8320)
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- **Dec 20, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8319-8320)
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8319-8320)
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2736-2737)