

## 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)

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

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-resolution/439>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

**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	<b>May 18, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
112 HRES 649	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2012:</b> 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**

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- **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)