

HRES 646

Expressing the sense of the House 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: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: May 7, 2012

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (May 18, 2012)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-resolution/646>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Turner, Robert L. [R-NY-9]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		May 9, 2012
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		May 15, 2012
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		May 15, 2012
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		May 17, 2012
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 31, 2012
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jun 1, 2012
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jun 1, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SRES 439	Identical bill	Dec 20, 2012: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8319-8320)
112 HRES 649	Related bill	May 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet.

Summary (as of May 7, 2012)

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

- **May 18, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 7, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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