

## HR 6195

Free Speech Fairness Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Sep 28, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Sep 28, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Nov 17, 2016
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Nov 17, 2016
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Dec 23, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 28, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Taxation

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 28, 2016)

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### Free Speech Fairness Act

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit a tax-exempt organization to make certain statements related to a political campaign without losing its tax-exempt status. An organization may not lose its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) or be deemed to have participated in, or intervened in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, solely because of the content of any statement that: (1) is made in the ordinary course of the organization's regular and customary activities in carrying out its exempt purpose, and (2) results in the organization incurring not more than de minimis incremental expenses.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 28, 2016:** Introduced in House
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