

## HR 3957

### Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Jul 25, 2019

**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. (Sep 9, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3957>

## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (35 total)

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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2019
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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 31, 2019
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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2019
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Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
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Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2020
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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 4, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 10, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 25, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2433	Related bill	Aug 1, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### Summary (as of Jul 25, 2019)

#### Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry.

Specifically, the bill allows companies engaged in the qualifying sale of a broadcast station to receive favorable tax treatment by electing nonrecognition of the gain or loss resulting from the sale. To qualify for this treatment, the sale must result in or preserve ownership of a broadcast station by socially disadvantaged individuals.

The bill also requires the FCC to foster investment in broadcast stations owned by socially disadvantaged individuals.

### Actions Timeline

- Sep 9, 2020: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Sep 9, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- Mar 10, 2020: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Mar 10, 2020: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- Jul 25, 2019: Introduced in House
- Jul 25, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- Jul 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.