

## HR 7808

Stop the Censorship Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 29, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Jul 29, 2020)

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| Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]           | R · GA        |      | Dec 2, 2020  |
| Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]            | R · TN        |      | Dec 8, 2020  |
| Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]       | R · VA        |      | Dec 8, 2020  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Jul 29, 2020 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 S 4828  | Related bill | Oct 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 116 HR 4027 | Related bill | Jul 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.                     |

## Summary (as of Jul 29, 2020)

### Stop the Censorship Act of 2020

This bill modifies a social media company's immunity from liability for screening and blocking offensive content on its platform.

Under current law, the immunity applies for action taken to restrict content that is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable. The bill eliminates immunity for restricting content that is otherwise objectionable and applies such immunity when a company restricts content that is unlawful or that promotes violence or terrorism.

Under current law, such immunity also applies to actions taken to enable or make available the technical means to restrict access to such content. The bill applies this immunity to actions taken that provide users with the option to restrict access to any material, regardless of whether such material is constitutionally protected.

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 29, 2020: Introduced in House
- Jul 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.