HR 8636

Protecting Americans from Dangerous Algorithms Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 20, 2020)

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This bill limits a social media company's immunity from liability if it promotes certain content on its platform.

Specifically, the bill removes this immunity from a social media company with more than 50 million monthly users if it utilizes an algorithm, model, or other computational process to amplify or recommend content to a user that is directly relevant to a claim involving (1) interference with civil rights, (2) neglect to prevent interference with civil rights, or (3) acts of international terrorism.

Actions Timeline

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