

HR 949

Free Speech Fairness Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (41 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2019
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Dec 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 4, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 330	Identical bill	Feb 5, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2019)

Free Speech Fairness Act

This bill permits 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) of the Internal Revenue Code 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

- **Feb 4, 2019:** Introduced in House
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