

HR 949

Free Speech Fairness Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Feb 4, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (41 total)

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| 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 |
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| Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5] | R · OH | | Feb 6, 2019 |
| Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2] | R · WV | | Feb 6, 2019 |
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| Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8] | R · MO | | Feb 6, 2019 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 4, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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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