

Amendment to the Committee Print for Subtitle C
Offered by M_._____

Under the heading Sec. 43101 insert the following section and redesignate subsequent subsections as necessary—

(a) Sense of Congress

(1) It is the sense of Congress that, for the Federal Communications Commission to be faithful and responsible stewards of the duties and responsibilities to conduct systems or competitive bidding for licenses and permits assigned under this title, the FCC, including the Chairman, and any employees or officers:

- (a) must not engage in activity that threatens constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and of the press in violation of the first amendment;
- (b) must not engage in censorship in violation of 47 U.S.C. 326;
- (c) must not engage in viewpoint discrimination, or take any official actions with respect to any entity in whole or in part on the basis of any viewpoint expressed by the entity;
- (d) must not target for punishment or disfavor any licensees or news media outlets based on their coverage of political events;
- (e) must not make any effort through official action or public statement that seeks to or would have the impact of driving political dissent from the public square;
- (f) must not consider in any official action or public statement any newsroom decision about what stories to cover or how to frame them;
- (g) must not abridge the bedrock principles of free speech or journalistic freedom;
- (h) must publicly denounce any attempt to stifle political speech and independent news judgment.”