

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8612

To amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 (commonly referred to as the Communications Decency Act) to stop censorship, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2022

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. BIGGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop the Censorship  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVOCATION OF IMMUNITIES.**

7 Section 230(c) of the Communications Act of 1934  
8 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “AND SCREEN-  
2 ING OF OFFENSIVE MATERIAL” and inserting “OF  
3 UNLAWFUL OR OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (2)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (i) by striking “material that the pro-  
7 vider or user considers to be obscene, lewd,  
8 lascivious, filthy, excessively violent,  
9 harassing, or otherwise objectionable,  
10 whether or not such material is constitu-  
11 tionally protected” and inserting “unlawful  
12 material”; and

13 (ii) by striking “; or” and inserting a  
14 semicolon;

15 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16 “paragraph (1).” and inserting “subparagraph  
17 (A); or”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
19 subparagraph:

20 “(C) any action taken to provide users  
21 with the option to restrict access to any other  
22 material, whether or not such material is con-  
23 stitutionally protected.”.

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