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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to repeal 47 U.S.C. s. 230, commonly known as section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996.

WHEREAS, in early 1996, section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 was enacted by Congress as part of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, and

WHEREAS, as originally drafted, the act was an attempt to stop minors from gaining access to sexually explicit materials on the Internet, and

WHEREAS, one provision of section 230 provides protection from civil liability for operators of interactive computer services and social media networks if they remove or moderate third-party material they deem obscene or offensive, as long as it is done in good faith, and

WHEREAS, the act has resulted in many unanticipated, unwelcomed, and unintended consequences and has allowed interactive computer services and social media networks to remove valid conservative perspectives, and

WHEREAS, interactive computer services and social media networks should not be allowed to display bias in determining which perspectives they allow on their platforms, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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That Congress is urged to repeal 47 U.S.C. s. 230, commonly known as section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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