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To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating
the fairness doctrine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from
repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

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 “Broadcaster Freedom
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE PROHIBITED.**

7 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 is
8 amended by inserting after section 303 (47 U.S.C. 303)
9 the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 303A. LIMITATION ON GENERAL POWERS: FAIRNESS**
11 **DOCTRINE.**

12 “Notwithstanding section 303 or any other provision
13 of this Act or any other Act authorizing the Commission
14 to prescribe rules, regulations, policies, doctrines, stand-
15 ards, or other requirements, the Commission shall not
16 have the authority to prescribe any rule, regulation, policy,
17 doctrine, standard, or other requirement that has the pur-
18 pose or effect of reinstating or repromulgating (in whole
19 or in part) the requirement that broadcasters present op-
20 posing viewpoints on controversial issues of public impor-
21 tance, commonly referred to as the ‘Fairness Doctrine’,

- 1 as repealed in General Fairness Doctrine Obligations of
- 2 Broadcast Licensees, 50 Fed. Reg. 35418 (1985).”.

