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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee, thank you for allowing me to give sponsor testimony for House Concurrent Resolution 24 to urge Congress to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

The Fairness Doctrine, which covered a broad range of topics, was a policy created by the Federal Communications Commission in 1949 that required licensed radio and television broadcasters to present fair and balanced coverage of controversial issues of interest to their communities. It did not require giving equal airtime for opposing views, rather it called for the “equal-time rule” which requires broadcasters to grant equal time to qualified candidates for public office.

It is unfortunate that something like the Fairness Doctrine is needed, but given the rise of dangerous misinformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must take action to address this and promote an engaged and informed citizenry, regardless of political persuasion. The January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection that we witnessed made clear that such misinformation is not only harmful to democracy, but also can cost lives.

Of course, we need a policy that is modernized compared to what was created in 1949. That is why HCR 24 calls on Congress to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century version of the policy that holds social media companies and other forms of modern media accountable for enabling or promoting dangerous misinformation.

This resolution seeks to start the conversation about what a present day policy looks like that addresses dangerous misinformation, promotes a well informed and engaged citizenry, while respecting first amendment rights.

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Again, thank you to Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee for allowing me to give sponsor testimony today on H.C.R. 24.



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