

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO CURB BIG TECH'S CENSORSHIP.

WHEREAS, according to a recent study by the Pew Research Center, 73 percent of American adults believe that it is very likely or somewhat likely that social media sites intentionally censor political viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, the influence that Big Tech social media companies have on American political life has surpassed that of traditional media; and

WHEREAS, during the past election, de-platforming by big tech media as Facebook and Twitter was increasingly common; and

WHEREAS, such censorship is an unacceptable danger to our free society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, that this body urges Congress to curb Big Techs influence on First Amendment rights, and supports free and fair access to information and believes that Big Tech companies should be held accountable for their censorship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress should review existing law, including the Sherman Antitrust Act, and enact such legislation as necessary to prohibit Big Tech companies from censoring or otherwise restraining the dissemination of First Amendment-protected speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate and all Hawaii State Legislators.

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