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Eliminating the Fairness Doctrine

Right now, your First Amendment rights are under assault by Democrats in Washington who believe the federal government should be in the business of rationing free speech. Despite a federal Circuit court's ruling that the Fairness Doctrine was unconstitutional, House Democrats continue to raise the possibility of reinstating the so called Fairness Doctrine. As an ardent supporter of the right to free speech, please know that I am fighting hard in Congress to protect your First Amendment rights by ensuring this outdated, unnecessary doctrine is never reinstated.

H.R. 2905, the Broadcaster Freedom Act:

Congressman Sullivan is a proud cosponsor of **H.R. 2905, the Broadcaster Freedom Act**, legislation which would permanently prevent the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Democrat led Congress, or any future President from ever reinstating the so called fairness doctrine ever again.

To date, Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat leadership have refused to allow a vote on this common sense legislation, therefore Congressman Sullivan signed onto a discharge petition to accelerate the process and force H.R. 2095 to the House floor for a vote.

The Broadcast Landscape has Changed Drastically from 1949:

Today, there are over 14,000 broadcast stations, numerous satellite radio stations and Internet radio streams, over 10 million blogs, Internet video websites like YouTube, and podcasts.

- The need for the Fairness Doctrine simply does not hold true in today's 24-hour news environment.
- Reinstating the Fairness Doctrine would amount to government control over political views expressed on the public airwaves.
- This sets a dangerous precedent to suggest the government should be in the business of rationing free speech.

I believe we must continue to work to ensure that the Fairness Doctrine can not be reinstated ever again. I will continue to support legislation that stops restoration of the Fairness Doctrine and protects our First Amendment rights.
