

Representative Greg Steube (R-FL)

[The Curbing Abuse and Saving Expression In Technology \(CASE-IT\) Act of 2020](#) - Support

Big Tech companies like Google, Facebook, and Twitter have taken their censorship way too far. Not only have they actively suppressed investigative journalism and political speech they don't like, but they have directly interfered in our free and fair elections. Congress must rein in these powerful corporations who possess a monopolistic chokehold over the free flow of information.

While there have been a number of good bills introduced to Congress with the goal of reforming Section 230, the *Curbing Abuse and Saving Expression in Technology Act*, or *CASE-IT Act*, proposed by Rep. Greg Steube (R-Fla.), is the most substantive. Not only would it hold Big Tech accountable, but it would protect kids from dangerous content online. The CASE-IT Act amends Section 230 in a number of important ways:

- Market-dominant Big Tech companies would no longer receive unconditional immunity from civil liability. In order to receive immunity, they would need to moderate content in a way that adheres to a First Amendment standard.
- A private right of action would serve as an enforcement mechanism to ensure that Big Tech companies that desire to maintain Section 230 protections are not censoring speech that would otherwise be protected under the First Amendment in the public square.
- Companies and websites that create, develop, post, or materially contribute to illegal online content; permit or facilitate illicit sexual contact between adults and minors; and/or make indecent, obscene, or otherwise harmful content readily available to minors; would no longer enjoy any sort of immunity from civil liability.

Importantly, the bill also preserves current language allowing “Small Tech” innovators, market disruptors, and individual users to continue to enjoy their existing legal protections. Only market-dominant “Big Tech” companies would be required to adhere to a First Amendment standard to receive legal protections.

Ultimately, the CASE-IT Act provides these market-dominant platforms with a choice: respect free speech and free expression, or don't. Protect kids from illegal online content, or don't. If these companies want a special government subsidy, they need to follow the rules — and if they break those rules, there should be meaningful consequences.

VOTE RECOMMENDATION: American Principles Project strongly encourages sponsorship and passage of the Curbing Abuse and Saving Expression In Technology (CASE-IT) Act.