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# LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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## **ATR MAY RATE A VOTE FOR H.R. 1606, THE ONLINE FREEDOM OF SPEECH ACT, AS A VOTE FOR FREE SPEECH**

Americans for Tax Reform strongly supports H.R. 1606, the Online Freedom of Speech Act, and may rate a vote for H.R. 1606 as a vote for free speech. H.R. 1606 would prohibit the Federal Election Commission (FEC) from applying McCain-Feingold speech restrictions to Internet political activity.

The Internet has revolutionized American politics by allowing any motivated citizen the opportunity to be heard. Unfortunately, some have called for extending the speech restrictions in the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law to Internet political activity, which would place onerous restrictions on websites, bloggers, or even individuals simply forwarding e-mails.

While proponents of McCain-Feingold claim that their goal is to prevent wealthy individuals and corporations from gaining undue influence in elections, extending these speech restrictions to the Internet would accomplish the opposite – imposing onerous restrictions on the medium that has empowered every American citizen to have a greater voice in the political process.

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