I am a strong supporter of our First Amendment rights and strongly oppose reinstating the Fairness Doctrine.

The “Fairness Doctrine” was a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulation that generally required broadcasters to present opposing viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance. In 1985, the FCC repealed this regulation stating that the doctrine was no longer justified due to the “multiplicity of voices in the marketplace” and because the Doctrine “in operation, actually inhibit[ed] the presentation of controversial issues of public importance to the detriment of the public…” However, as you may know, several Members of Congress recently have expressed interest in the possibility of re-implementing this regulation.

As I am strongly opposed to these efforts, I am an original cosponsor of the Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2007 (H.R. 2905). H.R. 2905 would specifically prevent the FCC from reinstating the “Fairness Doctrine.” I will work with my colleagues in the House to ensure that our First Amendment rights are not infringed upon by the reinstatement of this Doctrine.