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Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Alaskans deserve a media venue in which the issues are debated freely and openly; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Federal Communications Commission regulations have caused the broadcasting industry to avoid important issues relevant to the United States; and

WHEREAS lifting the Fairness Doctrine opened the public airwaves to vigorous, healthy discussion of controversial issues; and

WHEREAS talk radio has emerged as a forum for public debate among people with differing political views across Alaska and the United States; and

WHEREAS the First Amendment right of free speech applies regardless of the medium; and

WHEREAS Americans are entitled to hear all of the facts and arguments on every side of an issue, no matter how controversial;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports open and free competition within the broadcasting industry to promote healthy debate on issues between

people with differing backgrounds and from a wide variety of viewpoints; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature opposes federal action that would reverse or inhibit open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.