H. R. 116

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kevin Hern of Oklahoma introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _________________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Equal Opportunity First Amendment Act”.

SEC. 2. EQUAL ENFORCEMENT OF STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.

In the case that a State or unit of local government issues an order that limits gatherings to a certain number of people pursuant to a national emergency declared by
the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) or a similar State emergency declaration, the State or unit of local government may not discriminate in the enforcement of such order, in the case of persons who are exercising a right protected under the First Amendment.

SEC. 3. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

A person who is harmed by a violation of section 2 may bring an action in the appropriate district court of the United States seeking relief.