

**SOPA: Lee listens, Saddle Creek sets record straight and Moran reaffirms**

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Rep. Lee Terry of Nebraska announced today that he is removing his name as a co-sponsor of the Stop Online Piracy Act ("SOPA"), which is one of two highly contested bills (along with the Protect IP Act, or "PIPA") at the center of today's internet backlash.

"Thank you for your concern about #SOPA," Terry said on his Facebook page. "I have asked to have my name removed from the bill. However, the economic impact of IP theft is real and a solution is needed."

A Terry spokesperson said that waves of negative sentiment toward the bill from free speech and civil rights groups and technology companies, among others, helped Terry to conclude that SOPA, as currently drafted, isn't the solution.

Terry's decision was first reported this morning by the Omaha World-Herald. In a phone interview this afternoon, Brad Schweer, a legislative director of Terry's office, said that Terry listened to his constituents.

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