



Resolution

Recommending Further Study Before Proceeding With the “Open Internet” Proposal

- WHEREAS** the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the “Open Internet,” and has proposed complicated and potentially disruptive and oppressive rules that would govern the Internet;
- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters has filed a formal Comment with the FCC urging it to halt the current proceeding until such time as a thorough study is accomplished of instances of content or viewpoint discrimination by Internet Service Providers or other web “gate keepers,” and a review of alternatives of preserving an “Open Internet” other than through expansive federal control;
- WHEREAS** in the absence of such a study, the FCC proposal could well result in the stifling of free speech and religious expression by permitting and empowering Internet Service Providers and other web “gate keepers” to use vague FCC regulations as a pretext for viewpoint or content discrimination against Internet users and content generators;
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters opposes the current FCC proposal to govern the Internet until a thorough study is accomplished into instances of content or viewpoint discrimination currently being committed by Internet Service Providers or other web “gate keepers,” as well as a review of alternatives of preserving an “Open Internet” other than through expansive federal control.