



Resolution

Urging Congress to Take Action to Stop “Big Tech” Censorship of Religious and Conservative Viewpoints

- WHEREAS** The right of free speech is essential to a vibrant democracy, and is appropriately declared in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; therefore NRB has historically supported such free speech principles applying to internet communication;
- WHEREAS** NRB also supports the basis and purpose of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, specifically not holding providers liable as publishers for content posted by users (with companies policing criminal activity and a few other specified prohibitions), thus allowing the internet to grow and flourish;
- WHEREAS** However, the protections for “Big Tech” that are derived from Section 230 are immensely powerful and are flagrantly being abused by these companies, as they are censoring religious and conservative viewpoints, while ignoring other highly objectionable content, thus going far beyond the policing of criminal activity and other specified prohibitions and therefore becoming editors of content;
- WHEREAS** NRB has attempted to engage “Big Tech” respectfully and constructively about viewpoint suppression, appealing upon them to honor First Amendment free speech principles, but to no avail; the powerful exemptions of Section 230 continue to be abused by suppressing religious and conservative viewpoints;
- THEREFORE** Be it Resolved that the NRB believes it is past time for Congress to take action to halt this un-American and un-democratic censorship of religious and conservative viewpoints. While congress is urged to consider a myriad of solutions, an obvious one is to amend the law such that when a company begins to censor based on religious or political viewpoints, it becomes a publisher and forfeits the protections provided in Section 230.