



Resolution

OPPOSING THE COERCED DIVESTMENT OF SPECTRUM

- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering the need of the wireless industry for spectrum that would be used for new wireless devices;
- WHEREAS** the Commission has isolated incumbent television spectrum currently assigned to, and used by licensed television broadcasters in particular as a useful source for such spectrum for the wireless industry;
- WHEREAS** the Commission is considering alternative means to appropriate sufficient spectrum from existing television licensees, and at present is stating that all such means would be “voluntary;” yet the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) have filed Comments in FCC proceedings warning the Commission of the high probability that such alternatives could have a coercive, damaging effect on television licenses, including NRB members;
- RESOLVED** that National Religious Broadcasters urges the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from imposing any conditions or regulations on broadcasters which would have the direct, or indirect effect, of coercing broadcasters to give up spectrum by the threatened use of penalties, or increased or new regulatory burdens, or by any other means that would work a disadvantage to those broadcasters who choose not to divest themselves of any of their current spectrum, or which would unfairly force such broadcasters to unwillingly divest themselves of any spectrum.