



Resolution

Opposing Any FCC Investigation into So-Called “Hate Speech” on Conservative Broadcasting Talk Shows

- WHEREAS** a petition was filed with the FCC in January 2009, by several advocacy groups requesting that the FCC conduct an investigation into “hate speech” allegedly occurring on talk radio programs;
- WHEREAS** that petition had targeted conservative talk programs in particular for investigation;
- WHEREAS** such an investigation by the FCC would have an unconstitutional “chilling effect” on all broadcasters, but in particular on Christian talk show programs, in that no well-defined, or constitutionally valid definitions of “hate speech” currently exist regarding broadcasting content;
- RESOLVED** that National Religious Broadcasters opposes the petition currently on file with the FCC which urges it to investigate instances of alleged “hate speech” on talk radio programs, and we urge the FCC to refrain from seeking to regulate, under the guise of “hate speech” or any other purported justification, the otherwise lawful content, opinions, or viewpoints of broadcasters.