



# **Republican National Committee**

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### **RESOLUTION SUGGESTING FCC DEREGULATION AGENDA BE USED AS TEMPLATE FOR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, since a top priority of the Trump campaign to eliminate federal government regulations that cripple the private business sector has now rolled over to high prominence in the Trump administration, the Congressional Review Act (CRA) has been successfully utilized resulting in 13 regulatory changes and/or eliminations signed into law compared to only one successful use prior to the Trump administration,

**WHEREAS**, the CRA is an effective tool in addressing major problem areas caused by the daily development and imposition of oppressive rules and regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety Hazard Administration (OSHA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Highway Safety Administration (HSA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), to name only a few of the more than 435 unaccountable government agencies, however countless rules remain that need to be eliminated,

**WHEREAS**, one federal agency, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which has a long history of excessive regulations and attempts to expand its reach, is now attempting to solve its regulatory burden through aggressive deregulation from within its own agency,

**WHEREAS**, FCC Chair Ajit Pai (Pai) and Commissioner Michael O'Reilly (O'Reilly) have agreed to begin a comprehensive review on May 18, 2017, of all of the nearly 1,000 pages of media regulations to explore which rules should be modified to provide regulatory relief to small businesses and which rules should be repealed,

**WHEREAS**, all reviews will be filtered through the lens of Pai's views that "...the FCC should promote innovation in the broadcast business - not stand in the way of progress," and "...the last

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thing broadcasting - or any industry for that matter - needs is outdated regulations standing in its way,"

**WHEREAS**, until such time as Congress decides if the FCC is a necessary entity, Pai is meeting with the House of Representatives' FCC supervisory committee to discuss the FCC's removal of internet service providers from Title II common carrier services, a move supported by O'Reilly who publically stated that these rules will be "expunged" but that "In the meantime, the agency [FCC] can address many of its flaws on its own,"

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RNC should congratulate the White House on its choice of FCC appointees who understand the Trump administration's mandate to eliminate all unnecessary, economically crippling and/or or outdated regulations and who have taken the initiative to achieve all that can be accomplished by action within its own agency and without the aid of Congress, and

**RESOLVED**, that the plans and achievements made by the FCC be used as a guide or template for other federal agencies that are in the purview of the White House for serious deregulation rollbacks, thus encapsulating O'Reilly's statement that "...the new Executive Branch and Legislative Branch provide you with a wonderful opportunity use it wisely."