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IFL Condemns Moveon.org's Efforts to Increase Internet Regulation

(Fairfax, Va.) - The Institute for Liberty (IFL) today released a statement condemning Moveon.org and their nascent "Save the Internet" coalition for organizing a misguided campaign to restrict internet freedom under the guise of "Net Neutrality" regulations.

"The leftist Moveon.org coalition claims that so-called 'Net Neutrality' rules are the 'First Amendment' for the internet," said Jason Wright, IFL founder and president. "In fact, the exact opposite is true. The unprecedented regulation Moveon lobbies for limits innovation by restricting certain businesses from the option of seeking more reliable connections to support advanced services like VoIP or IPTV."

Wright added that Americans could soon be losing out on important new technologies in education, healthcare and commerce if Congress decides to create laws and enforce regulations for problems that don't yet, and may never, exist. "It's been said before by others more eloquent than I," Wright added, "but Net Neutrality is the epitome of a solution in search of a problem."

IFL notes that lawmakers should remember that the Internet has thrived under free-market conditions and that "small businesses and individuals are limited only by their own ideas" The statement continues, "The captains of the Internet industry, including Google, Yahoo and Amazon, those who have made billions on a largely regulation-free Internet, should know better than anyone the limitless possibilities the virtual free-market provides. Closing the door now with burdensome new 'net neutrality' rules is hypocritical at best."

"The beauty of the internet," Wright concluded, "is that anyone with a computer and passion can participate, and that will not change in a free Internet marketplace. If Moveon's doomsday cases of 'net discrimination appear, competing internet providers will benefit greatly from the wrath of consumer's exercising their ultimate right-choice."

IFL adds that unlike the "Save the Internet Coalition", those that join them in opposition to government regulation of the Internet are ideologically, demographically and ethnically diverse with a very simple agenda - keep the Government away from the world's freest, fairest market: the Internet.

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