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Legislative Advocacy And MEDIA COALITION

Each year, federal, state, and local legislatures introduce hundreds of bills that could violate the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of expression. The Media Coalition monitors and acts on legislation in a variety of ways.

TRACKING IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

The Media Coalition maintains a watch list of bills that are of interest to members. Regular updates provide timely reports on the progress of legislation.

RELATES TO:	BILL#	STATE	SUMMARY	SPONSOR	COMMITTEE	DATE INTRODUCED	ACTION	COMMENTS
INTERNET	H.R.2026	Utah	To create an "adult content registry" to list all of the content providers the AG has determined to have harmful to minors material on the Internet. Would place limitations of ISPs to provide filtering.	Dougal	GOVERNOR SIGNED 3/21/05	31-Jan-2005	Includes Amendments and Substitutions.	More information is available in Mike's Memo

STATEMENTS/MEMOS IN OPPOSITION

The Media Coalition writes position statements that note constitutional problems with pending bills. These position statements, which are issued on letterhead listing the members of the Coalition, are then circulated to the appropriate members of the legislature and their staff.

A Network of Support

When members determine that action is needed, they are aided by a network of lobbyists who are employed by members of the Coalition, members' state chapters, free speech advocacy groups, and other allies that has been built in all fifty states over the last thirty five years.

BILL SUMMARIES

The summaries offered by The Media Coalition clarify bill language and highlight possible points of concern for members.

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