

tl;dr - NTIA § 230 FCC Petition: A Poor Solution to an Ill-Defined Problem

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The Debate:

President Trump recently demanded the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) request that the FCC undertake [a major reinterpretation of CDA Section 230](#) to make it more difficult for digital platforms to receive liability immunity for the content of third parties and for their own content moderation decisions. The FCC has [granted the petition](#) and is seeking public comment.

But... the petition is driven by a political dispute between the Administration and the platforms. What's more, the Administration is evading constitutional restrictions in order to cajole the FCC into serving its ends.

While there are possible useful reforms to be made to Section 230, forcing major changes to an important law on the basis of a political quarrel would let petty politics reshape one of the most important laws that governs the Internet.

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