



PRESS RELEASE: MIKE O’RIELLY JOINS FSF AS ADJUNCT SENIOR FELLOW TO LAUNCH A NEW VIDEOCAST

The Free State Foundation, one of the nation’s leading free market-oriented think tanks focusing on telecommunications, media, and Internet law and policy, is pleased to announce that former Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O’Rielly is joining FSF as an Adjunct Senior Fellow. FSF will be hosting Mr. O’Rielly’s soon-to-be launched new video podcast, “TMT With Mike O’Rielly.”

The videocast, which will air approximately twice a month, will feature informative, thought-provoking discussions regarding all things TMT – technology, media, and telecommunications – between Mike and leading figures from all branches of government, including the FCC and Congress, and industry, academia, and other think tanks. Topics will include not only the hot-button issues of the day – of which there is certainly no shortage – but also those requiring “looks around the corner” that sharpen thinking about issues only beginning to come into focus.

Mr. O’Rielly is a principal at MPORielly Consulting, LLC, and a member of APCO’s International Advisory Council. Before being unanimously confirmed as FCC Commissioner, Mr. O’Rielly held a variety of top staff positions during twenty years in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

In announcing the new affiliation, Free State Foundation President Randolph May said: “I’m thrilled and proud that FSF will be hosting Mike’s new video podcast and affiliating with us as an Adjunct Senior Fellow. It’s no secret that I greatly admired Mike’s tenure as an FCC commissioner. His leadership was exemplary, including on key issues like spectrum matters and agency institutional reform. And, of course, even before Mike became a commissioner, I admired his work in senior staff positions on the Hill. I have great respect for Mike’s intelligence, expertise, integrity, and his willingness and ability to seek common ground to find solutions to difficult problems.”

Mr. O’Rielly stated: “Well, it’s no secret either that for many years now, I have cherished the work of the Free State Foundation’s scholars and Randy’s leadership of the think tank. When I served as an FCC commissioner, I often relied on the Free State Foundation’s research and its free market-oriented publications, including in the area of FCC process reform, where FSF

generated a wealth of sound ideas. And I always looked forward to participating in FSF events. So, I couldn't be more pleased than to have my new videocast hosted by FSF. I am so excited to use this new videocast as a tool to explore and shed light on all of the timely TMT issues facing industry, government, and consumers."

Mr. O'Rielly will retain sole control over the selection of guests and the programming content of the "TMT With Mike O'Rielly" videocasts.