

Free State Foundation
Seventeenth Annual Policy Conference
March 25, 2025

National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

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Agenda *

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Sign-in and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. – Welcome and Introduction – Randolph May, President, Free State Foundation

9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – Keynote Conversation with FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson – "New Directions in Competition and Consumer Protection Policies"

Co-Moderators: **Randolph May**, President, Free State Foundation, and **Barry Nigro**, Chair of Fried Frank's Antitrust and Competition Department, and former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust at the Department of Justice and former FTC Deputy Director for the Bureau of Competition

9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. – Keynote Address – “The Indispensable Right: Free Speech in an Age of Rage”

Jonathan Turley, Shapiro Chair of Public Interest Law, George Washington University Law School, and Fox News Media Contributor

10:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Panel: "New Directions in Communications Policy"

Moderator: **Seth Cooper**, Director of Policy Studies and Senior Fellow, Free State Foundation

Rick Cimerman, Vice President, External and State Affairs Lead for NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Robert Fisher, Senior Vice President, Federal Government Relations & Public Affairs, Verizon

Rosa Mendoza, Founder, President, and CEO, ALLvanza

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Keynote Address – "The View from the Senate"

Senator Ted Cruz, Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. – Keynote Conversation with FCC Chairman Brendan Carr – "New Directions in Communications Policy"

Moderator: Randolph May, President, Free State Foundation

12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Panel: "Universal Service After the Supreme Court's Consumers' Research Decision"

Moderator: Randolph May, President, Free State Foundation

Michelle Connolly, Professor of the Practice of Economics at Duke University and a Member of the Free State Foundation's Board of Academic Advisors

Daniel Lyons, Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Boston College Law School and Member of the Free State Foundation's Board of Academic Advisors

12:30 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. – Buffet Lunch

1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Keynote Conversation – "TMT With Mike O'Rielly"

Moderator: Michael O'Rielly, Former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, and Adjunct Senior Fellow, Free State Foundation

Melissa Holyoak, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission

Ajit Pai, Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and Partner, Searchlight Capital

Nathan Simington, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – "Keynote Address – "The View from the House"

Representative Richard Hudson, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

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