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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS
ON THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DECISION
IN *FOX V. FCC*

“I am shocked by such an anti-family decision coming out of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Sadly, the court focused its energies on the purported chilling effect our indecency policy has on broadcasters of indecent programming, and no time focusing on the chilling effect today’s decision will have on the ability of American parents to safeguard the interests of their children. I hope that this decision is appealed—and ultimately reversed. In the meantime, as even this court recognizes, the FCC has the power to create a constitutional and enforceable indecency policy. I’m convinced we already have one. In light of the uncertainty created by today’s decision, I call on this Commission to move forward immediately to clarify and strengthen its indecency framework to ensure that American parents can protect their children from the indecent and violent images that bombard us more and more each day. These parents—millions of them—are waiting.”

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