

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALA LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CIPA

WHEREAS the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds, including LSTA and E-rate funds; and

WHEREAS no filtering software successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

WHEREAS the federal commission appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded filters are not effective in blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

WHEREAS the North Carolina Library Association does not recommend the use of Internet filters in libraries, and emphatically oppose attempts by federal and state governments to set local policy; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in federal courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Library Association endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.

Mandates:

ALA President

ALA Washington Office

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

ALA Chapter Relations listserv

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