

Resolution No. 1

Date: 1/21/2016

City: Las Vegas, NV

NAHB Resolution

Title: Emerging Technology in Residential Construction
Sponsor: Business Management & Information Technology Committee
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WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) remain committed to building quality and affordable homes for all people;

WHEREAS, NAHB recognizes that the use of emerging technologies hold the potential to improve the quality of American homes while lowering their cost and greatly expanding homeownership opportunities;

WHEREAS, a variety of emerging technologies are already being used in the residential home building industry, such as Building Information Modeling (“BIM”), electronic storage and transfer of sensitive customer data, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (“UAVs” or drones) and more are likely to be developed;

WHEREAS, NAHB understands that while technological advances offer great potential for the home building industry, these emerging technologies will also pose new challenges for small businesses in our industry such as data security, misguided regulation or other unforeseen liability;

WHEREAS, patent trolls are already threatening home builders and other small businesses with threats of litigation and coercive licensing agreements based on low-quality intellectual property in an attempt to limit competition; and

WHEREAS, data security legislation and regulation is under consideration that could potentially expose home builders, NAHB and its state and local affiliates to liability in the event of a data breach,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) support efforts before Congress, the Administration, and the Courts to protect small businesses from misguided regulation and potential legal liability related to the deployment of emerging technologies in residential construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB oppose laws, regulations or court decisions that impose uncompetitive limits on the usage of emerging technology in residential construction or the business practices of NAHB members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB work with stakeholders, including other construction groups and product manufacturers, to promote development of new technologies that improve the business operations or construction techniques in the industry.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes & Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Land Development Committee:	Recommends Approval
Custom Home Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Business Management & Information Technology Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction Liability, Risk Management & Building Materials Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Multifamily Council Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval