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## **COMPTTEL Comments on Retirement of Rep. John Dingell**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commented on the announcement by Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI), the longest-serving member of Congress, that he was planning to not seek re-election.

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, COMPTTEL’s CEO:

*“COMPTTEL commends Rep. Dingell for his service to our country and leadership in the House of Representatives and on the Energy and Commerce Committee. He set the highest standard of public service, working as a fierce advocate for the principles in which he believes and leaving a legacy of legislative success on behalf of his constituents.*

*I was honored to have served with Rep. Dingell. His love of and respect for the institution of Congress and of the Energy and Commerce Committee are irreplaceable. He will always be known as one of the true giants in Congressional history.”*

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**About COMPTTEL**

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTTEL advances its members’ interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit [www.comptel.org](http://www.comptel.org).