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COMPTTEL Comments on State of the Union Address

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Last night, President Barack Obama delivered the State of the Union address, during which he expressed his intentions to protect a free and open Internet, expand access to broadband and encourage greater innovation.

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, CEO of COMPTTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry:

“A free and open Internet is vital to unlocking valuable opportunities for all Americans – from advancements to education to innovation that drives our economy.

COMPTTEL and its members support an open Internet, and the policies that enable development of the fastest, competitive networks in the world. We will continue to work with Congress and the FCC to ensure that no there is no discrimination, blocking, throttling, paid prioritization or access tolls for the delivery of services and applications on which consumers, and the small businesses serving communities around our country, have come to rely on the Internet.”

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 or follow us on Twitter @COMPTTEL.