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## **COMPTEL Congratulates Chip Pickering on Public Knowledge IP3 Award**

WASHINGTON DC (September 24, 2015) -- Today, COMPTEL, the competitive networks association, congratulated its CEO Chip Pickering on receiving the IP3 Award, given by Public Knowledge [tonight](#).

The IP3 Awards honor those who have made significant contributions in the three areas of IP: Intellectual Property, Information Policy, and Internet Protocol. Past winners include Tim Berners Lee, Representative Anna Eshoo, Representative Darrell Issa and [many others](#).

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler will be in attendance and deliver remarks this evening as the awards are presented.

“Chip is a true champion of competition,” said Gene Kimmelman, CEO of Public Knowledge. “This year alone, Chip has successfully led efforts to preserve the Open Internet, defeat the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger, and lead the tech transitions effort to extend bipartisan competition policy to future networks.”

As a former Republican Member of Congress, Chip Pickering authored the first bill in Congress calling for protection of an Open Internet. Since taking over as CEO of COMPTTEL eighteen months ago, Pickering has united competitive providers across all platforms – wireline, wireless, Internet, and streaming video. By doing so, Pickering has grown the association to include companies like Netflix, Amazon, Google Fiber, Twitter, Level 3, XO, Cogent, and T Mobile.

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