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INCOMPAS to Senate: FCC Needs Competition Champion Jessica Rosenworcel

Washington DC (October 28, 2015) – FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel has been nominated by President Obama to serve an additional five-year term at the Commission.

Today, the U.S. Senate held a confirmation hearing on Ms. Rosenworcel’s nomination, which drew the support and praise of INCOMPAS (formerly COMPTEL), the competitive networks association.

Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, released the following statement:

“There are few leaders in Washington who possess the poise, wisdom and vision of Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel. She is firmly focused on the future of education and the networks that will help bring the Internet to children and families across the nation.

“From E-Rate to the Open Internet and Tech Transitions, Jessica has positioned herself as a thoughtful, productive leader on the Commission—fighting for improved broadband speeds and affordable access at every turn.

“As a former Senate staffer, Jessica understands that the work of regulators must never occur in a vacuum. The FCC’s policies impact consumers, customers and constituents. In her keynote conversation at The INCOMPAS Show in San Francisco last week, she discussed the future of competition and how broadband availability, faster speeds and access through market-driven solutions hold the answer to many of the nation’s problems.

“We praised Commissioner Rosenworcel’s leadership on E-Rate, which has helped transform the program for students and teachers in schools across the nation. By relying on competition to power the program in a new direction, schools and libraries that once waited to receive broadband leftovers are now first in line for fiber. This tectonic shift in thinking for the E-Rate program has enabled competition to bring new networks to more communities.

“But learning does not stop at the schoolhouse door. That is why Jessica’s elevation of the issue known as the Homework Gap has been equally important. INCOMPAS, and the new network builders we represent, look forward to working with Commissioner Rosenworcel to bridge this gap and encourage the Senate to move her confirmation forward expeditiously.”

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