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INCOMPAS Statement on FCC Move to Bring Competition to Set Top Boxes Market

Washington, D.C. (Feb 18, 2015) – Today, the Federal Communications Commission voted to begin a process that could bring competition to the set-top box marketplace.

In response to the FCC action, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS released the following statement:

“Competition is the key to unlocking monopoly control of the set-top box marketplace. In the tech industry, competition is always the prerequisite for sparking innovation that will bring consumers lower prices and more choices. The FCC action will make it easier for consumers to access new streaming services that provide original, diverse and award winning content.

“This is the start of a process and national conversation to bring relief to consumers who are tired of high prices and cable company control of their television. The FCC action today has the potential to launch new ideas, new companies and an entire new industry for the video market.

“We applaud the FCC for following the bipartisan direction of Congress, which instructed the Commission to give consumers more choices in the video device market.

“We thank Chairman Tom Wheeler for his leadership, and Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Jessica Rosenworcel for their commitment to competition and look forward to continuing our conversation with Commissioners Ajit Pai and Michael O’Rielly on our shared goals.”

About INCOMPAS:

Formerly known as COMPTEL, INCOMPAS is the leading trade association for the competitive networks. INCOMPAS represents communications and technology companies large and small, advocating for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development. Learn more at www.incompas.org.

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