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T-Mobile, Sprint, US Cellular, CCA Back INCOMPAS-Verizon Compromise for FCC Action on Business Data Services/Special Access

WASHINGTON DC (April 21, 2016) – The nation’s wireless community is rallying behind the INCOMPAS-Verizon compromise to ensure competition and access are preserved under the FCC’s new proposal for business data services (BDS), formerly known as the special access market.

In a [letter](#) to the FCC, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, and the Competitive Carriers Association all endorsed the compromise solution put forward by Verizon and INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, representing competitive wired and wireless companies.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is calling for the FCC to act on a new framework for BDS that will update the special access rules to ensure competition and the access needed for wireless backhaul and competitive services to business customers, schools, hospitals, libraries and government buildings. These policies must include high bandwidth Ethernet services, thereby, promoting next generation mobile broadband networks such as 5G.

“Today the wireless community is uniting behind the INCOMPAS-Verizon compromise to ensure more connections, better networks, lower prices and more competition,” said Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS. “Economic growth and rural access depend on a healthy BDS market that speeds the deployment of new 5G networks.”

To read a copy of the wireless community letter to the FCC, see attached.

For more information on the Verizon-INCOMPAS compromise, [click here](#).

To learn more about Chairman Tom Wheeler's BDS proposal, [click here](#).

About INCOMPAS:

INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, is the leading trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks. INCOMPAS represents Internet, communications and technology companies large and small, advocating for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development.

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