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INCOMPAS to the FCC: Don't Slow Down the Internet

Competition Association Tells FCC to Reject Efforts to Redefine High-speed Broadband with Slower Speeds in 706 Proceeding

WASHINGTON DC (September 21st, 2017) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, is ready to fight any and all efforts to slow down the internet, including those seeking to redefine broadband so that the availability of 10/1 Mbps is deemed sufficient broadband speed for Americans.

In comments filed today with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), INCOMPAS challenged those seeking to lower the requirements for high-speed broadband benchmarks from 25 Mbps to 10 Mbps. This would effectively redefine Section 706 standards to say that the availability of a mobile network offering 10/1 Mbps is sufficient broadband availability.

INCOMPAS wants the FCC to increase speed requirements for fixed broadband to one Gigabit speeds in order to reflect services already being offered by incumbent and competitive providers. The Commission should also uphold its requirement that Americans have access to *both* high-speed fixed and mobile networks. INCOMPAS said the FCC should be doing everything in its power to encourage competition and speed deployment to the benefit of residents, small businesses, schools, libraries, and health care facilities.

Read INCOMPAS's full comments [here](#).

http://www.incompas.org/files/FINAL%20706%20Comments%20with%20Evans%20Paper%20Attachment%209_21_17.pdf

In addition to the filing, INCOMPAS CEO Chip Pickering released the following statement:

“Slowing down the internet would mean slowing down the economy. It is, quite simply, a terrible idea. The latest effort by monopoly cable and phone providers to downgrade the speed benchmarks for high-speed broadband so that 10/1 Mbps is deemed sufficient, is nothing more than an attempt to rig an already broken system even further. This potentially paves the way for finding that 10/1 Mbps mobile competes with fixed broadband, which benefits those companies who would rather consolidate than compete.

“On the heels of the FCC's business data services order – which shockingly defined ‘one’ provider in a market as a sufficient level of competition – lowering the internet benchmark

speeds would run counter to the needs of everyone living, working and studying in the 21st century economy.

“The FCC should focus on speeding up deployment for *both* wired and wireless networks, not lowering the bar so monopolies can further rig the system so that Americans lose.”

About INCOMPAS:

INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, is the leading trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks. INCOMPAS represents Internet, streaming, 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 or follow us on Twitter: @INCOMPAS @ChipPickering