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INCOMPAS: End Apartment Monopoly, Make Broadband Competition the Key to the Condo

Tech Association Files Reply Comments Urging FCC to End Multiple Tenant Monopoly

WASHINGTON DC (August 22, 2017) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, filed reply comments in the FCC proceeding concerning expanding broadband deployment in multiple tenant environments (MTEs) like apartment buildings and condo complexes.

In its reply comments, INCOMPAS calls on the FCC to open a new rulemaking to end the use of anticompetitive practices like revenue sharing, kickbacks, exclusive wiring arrangements and exclusive marketing agreements in MTEs. INCOMPAS's reply comments note that Americans living in MTEs, approximately 30 percent of the population, have far fewer broadband choices than those living in single-family homes.

INCOMPAS said promoting competition in MTEs is a critical component of the FCC's broadband deployment agenda and helps meet their goal of bridging the digital divide.

Read INCOMPAS's reply comments [here](#):

<http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS%20Reply%20Comment%20GN%2017-142.pdf>

Read INCOMPAS's original comments [here](#):

<http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS%20Comments%20on%20MTE%20NOI.pdf>

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

“It's time for the FCC to set the 30 percent of Americans living in apartment and condo buildings free from broadband monopoly control. They should not be forced to pay more for slower speeds when new broadband competition is knocking on the front door.

“Exclusivity lock-ups and kickbacks have enabled landlords and big cable and telecom companies to skirt existing FCC policy, keeping prices high and customer service low. Setting apartment consumers free is a key component of the broadband deployment agenda. We also encourage the FCC to support local communities fighting for more competition that will help bridge the digital divide and unlock fiber investment.”

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