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INCOMPAS Statement on FCC Open Internet Change: Don't Crash the Streaming Revolution

WASHINGTON DC (April 26, 2017) – Today FCC Chairman Ajit Pai announced plans to undo Open Internet protections, currently enshrined by law.

In response, Chip Pickering, the CEO of INCOMPAS, and a former Republican Member of Congress who led the effort in 2006 to pass the first Open Internet protections into law, released the following statement:

“A free and open Internet benefits individual Americans, small businesses and start ups, conservative news outlets and faith-based services, streaming services and social media platforms.

“Any effort to weaken Open Internet protections must be rejected as it could toss the streaming and Internet economy back into chaos, taking consumers back to a time when ISPs like Comcast throttled Netflix and consumers had to buffer their way through a binge.

“We believe the risks of FCC action far outweigh any reward. Thankfully, Chairman Pai will conduct a public comment period, and we are willing to work with all stakeholders to achieve and maintain objectives that protect a free and Open Internet. But INCOMPAS will fight and oppose any effort to harm Americans’ abilities to access the content of their choice and weaken the most successful economic and free expression policy in American history.”

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