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INCOMPAS Statement on FCC’s Competition Killing Business Broadband Vote

Warn of Massive Price Hikes on Small Businesses

WASHINGTON DC (April 20, 2017) – Following the vote by the FCC to eliminate competition in the \$45 billion business data services market, **Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, and a former Republican Member of Congress from Mississippi, released the following statement:**

“The pro-monopoly FCC just voted to kick American small businesses where it really hurts, in the wallet.

“The FCC is out of touch with consumers, out of sync with businesses and out of step with our nation’s internet infrastructure goals. We must build faster, more affordable networks of the future. But the FCC’s ‘one is enough’ monopoly policy threatens to end decades of innovation and hinders the streaming revolution.”

“Outside of the FCC, and a handful of AT&T lobbyists, there is not a single person on the planet who believes we currently have enough broadband competition. Prices are going up, and customer service is going down. That doesn’t happen in free markets with competitive choice.

“The FCC ignored requests by consumers, the US Small Business Administration and our most important trading partners who all sought basic information about the impact this competition killing change in policy would have. The FCC also denied requests by Members of Congress to provide a sufficient transition period. They even refused transparency requests for county information that would have alerted local communities to the dangerous price hikes they now face.

“Today’s FCC action protects monopoly over free markets. By saying one provider is sufficient, the FCC is favoring old incumbents over new innovators. It is punishing small business customers, and holds back entrepreneurs. Our networks drive our economy, and blocking competition from one of our economy’s most important sectors is dangerous.”

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**Medium Post from Chip Pickering: [Build Don't Break Business Broadband](#)

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