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INCOMPAS on Net Neutrality: Blocking Interconnection Is Blocking

WASHINGTON DC (November 20, 2017) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, took a hard swing at cable and phone companies today for attempting to kill net neutrality by eliminating interconnection protections.

Interconnection is the first amendment of the internet, the point where all websites, from movie streaming services to small town real estate pages, connect to the internet.

INCOMPAS filed the following interconnection letter with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today. [Click here to read.](#)

<http://www.incompas.org/files/FINAL%20INCOMPAS%20Interconnection%20Ex%20Parte%2011%202017%201.pdf>

The INCOMPAS letter argues that large Internet Service Providers (ISP's) have the incentive to discriminate, and a track record of doing so. They point out that the infamous Netflix slow down in 2014 took place at the point of interconnection.

Since the 2015 Order, the market has responded with an explosion in new cost saving streaming services and investment into business cloud migration. A recent net neutrality [poll](#) by INCOMPAS and IMGE Insights identified that over 70 percent of Americans, Republican and Democrats, say the internet has gotten better under the current rules.

The letter also points out that the New York State Office of the Attorney General found interconnection abuse taking place for years, and highlights consumer's inadequate access to competition and choice.

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

“Blocking interconnection is blocking plain and simple. Attacks on interconnection should send off alarm bells with consumers, streamers and businesses who will see prices rise and cloud services taxed by cable gatekeepers if the FCC eliminates net neutrality protections.”

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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