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INCOMPAS Statement on FCC Vote to Kill Net Neutrality: The Fight Has Just Begun

WASHINGTON DC (December 13, 2017) – Despite widespread opposition, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will vote tomorrow to end two decades of bipartisan net neutrality principles.

In response, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, an association that represents streaming, internet and competitive network companies, released the following statement:

*Note: Pickering is a former Republican Member of Congress from Mississippi who led the effort to pass the very first net neutrality bill in the House in 2006.

“The FCC vote to end net neutrality is a blow to binge watchers and the streaming services they love.

“Ending net neutrality enables cable gatekeepers to close the door on access and innovation while opening the floodgates on new fees for small businesses who depend on cloud services.

“Three out of four Republicans support net neutrality and Congressional leaders have fought hard to make us the party of competition. But Chairman Pai is making us the party of big cable. That sends the wrong message to main street voters who want lower prices and more choice.

“The fight to save the internet has just begun. We will fight in the Courts, Congress and in every corner of our country until a free and open internet is returned to the American people.”

Watch: INCOMPAS [video](#) on Republican support for saving net neutrality

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