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COMPTEL Applauds Pro-Competitive Stance of FCC Chairman Nominee Tom Wheeler during Senate Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commended Tom Wheeler, who is nominated to become the next Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), for his focus on the importance of competition in the communications markets during his confirmation hearing today before the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

“We applaud Mr. Wheeler for his strong statements on the importance of competition during today’s Senate hearing. COMPTEL and its members agree wholeheartedly that competition truly is a power unto itself that must be encouraged by the FCC because competitive retail markets produce better outcomes for consumers.

To ensure functioning free markets for retail communications services, Commission oversight of the wholesale communications marketplace is essential. The FCC has an important role to play in making certain that competition thrives and brings innumerable benefits to consumers across the country. We are hopeful that the new leadership at the FCC will continue to make strides in promoting and protecting competition, and we look forward to working with the agency as it addresses key issues, such as interconnection and last mile access, which will have a significant bearing on the competitiveness of the communications marketplace.”

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Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members’ interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.