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COMPTEL Comments on House Leaders’ Plan to Revisit Telecommunications Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, today commented on the announcement that House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) plan to have their committees examine and update the Communications Act.

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

“COMPTEL welcomes Chairmen Upton’s and Walden’s upcoming examination of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The ’96 Act has been responsible for ushering in an era of innovation and competition, bringing an array of new services and products to consumers. We are confident that the committee’s examination will confirm that the basic principles of the Act – which enable entrepreneurial companies to compete in the marketplace, and provide consumers with greater choice and lower prices – still remain relevant today. We look forward to working with the Chairmen and the members of the Committee.”

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About COMPTEL
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.