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**COMPTEL Congratulates FCC Commissioner O’Rielly
on Senate Confirmation**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate unanimously approved Republican Michael O’Rielly to a five-year term on the Federal Communications Commission.

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, CEO of COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry:

“We welcome Commissioner O’Rielly to a full term at the FCC. He is a fair voice and advocate for functioning competitive markets and we look forward to working with him, and his colleagues, as the Commission addresses several critical policy issues in the coming months.”

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 or follow us on Twitter @COMPTEL.