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COMPTTEL Comments on President Obama's Plan to Increase Access to Affordable Broadband

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today President Barack Obama was in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he outlined new steps designed to increase access to affordable, high-speed broadband across the country.

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

“COMPTTEL commends President Obama for proposing initiatives that are designed to bring affordable broadband services to more communities across the nation. Competition has been the driving force in spurring investment in new technologies and infrastructure, encouraging new companies to bring innovative services to market and driving costs down.

Our members continue to be at the forefront of this competitive revolution, delivering broadband to small and mid-sized businesses, which had long been underserved by the incumbents. This renewed focus on removing regulatory barriers and improving investment incentives are more steps in the right direction to ensure that American consumers can enjoy faster broadband services and lower costs.”

About COMPTTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTTEL 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. COMPTTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTTEL 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 @COMPTTEL.