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INCOMPAS Praises Introduction of Bipartisan “Dig Once” Bill to Increase Broadband Deployment

Washington DC (October 22, 2015)—Today, Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA), the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, and Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Chairman of the Subcommittee, introduced the Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2015 that would make the installation of fiber-optic cables a criterion of federal road construction projects, consequently reducing costs of post-construction installation and expediting the process of broadband deployment.

The proposed “dig once” legislation, which garnered support from a large bipartisan group of lawmakers, would only apply to federal construction projects in places in need of broadband within the next 15 years.

In response to the announcement of the “dig once” bill, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS—formerly known as COMPTEL, released the following statement:

“INCOMPAS supports the bipartisan effort of Rep. Eshoo and Rep. Walden to increase the deployment of broadband in our country through the ‘dig once’ legislation.

“The bill highlights the shortcomings of our current broadband infrastructure and draws attention to the many Americans who remain excluded from its connective benefits.

“INCOMPAS additionally welcomes the economic promise of the ‘dig once’ bill, which would save costs and decrease barriers to broadband deployment, thereby stimulating broadband competition.”

About INCOMPAS

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