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INCOMPAS Filing: Set-Top Box Competition Will Bring More Innovation, Create New Companies

WASHINGTON DC (April 22, 2016) – INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, filed comments today with the FCC in the set-top box proceeding. As the leading voice for competition policy, INCOMPAS urged the FCC to end cable’s set-top box monopoly control and create a market that will inject competition and innovation.

A copy of the INCOMPAS filing can be found [here](#).

“Markets, not monopolies, are the key to innovation and lower prices. Unlocking the set-top box will give consumers more choice, inject competition into a stagnant market, and create new opportunities for streaming services and content creators,” said **Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS**. “Action by the FCC to unlock the set-top box will create new companies, more jobs and an entire new industry for video services. It’s an economic win for consumers and business.”

The INCOMPAS filing makes the following points in favor of the FCC proposal:

- The need to create a new market, end monopoly control
- The FCC has the legal authority, consistent with bi-partisan Congressional mandate
- Calls for an open, interoperable standard mirroring what has worked to bring competition, choice and innovation in the smart phone market

- There is widespread support for unlocking the set top box from [editorial boards](#) across the nation (USA Today, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, LA Times, Boston Globe, Bloomberg and many more)

INCOMPAS has been [working with](#) consumer groups, device manufactures and technology companies who would like to see competitive market forces bring innovation and lower prices.

About INCOMPAS:

INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, is the leading trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks. INCOMPAS represents Internet, communications and technology companies large and small, advocating for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development. Learn more at www.incompas.org or follow us on Twitter: @INCOMPAS.