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INCOMPAS Applauds “Dig Once” and “Climb Once” Bills that will Speed Broadband Deployment

WASHINGTON DC (January 19, 2018) – This week, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and Congressman David McKinley (R-WV) introduced two bills aimed at speeding broadband deployment.

The Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2018 will require all new federally-funded roads to include a broadband conduit, which are plastic pipes that house fiber-optic communications cable. This “Dig Once” approach will eliminate the need to dig up recently constructed roads when deploying new networks, drastically reducing deployment costs.

The CLIMB ONCE Act of 2018 will clarify that Section 224 of the Communications Act does not preempt states from passing One Touch, Make Ready policies when it comes to new pole attachments. This efficient approach to broadband infrastructure saves competitive providers time and money when deploying new networks.

INCOMPAS, the internet and competition association, released the following statement in response, from CEO Chip Pickering:

“We applaud Representatives Eshoo and McKinley on their leadership in speeding broadband deployment. Both pieces of legislation are commonsense measures that will lower prices for consumers, spur innovation and bring much needed competition to the broadband market.

“We look forward to working with Congress to enact a future-forward deployment agenda this year. For too long outdated regulations stood as roadblocks to true broadband competition. It’s more than time for “Dig Once” and “Climb Once” to be the industry standard.”

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