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INCOMPAS Expresses Support for FCC's 5G Order in Advance of Open Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 21, 2018) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, expressed its support on Wednesday for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) effort to speed the deployment of small cells and 5G with their Wireless Infrastructure Streamlining Order.

The Draft Order provides a balanced approach in protecting and preserving cultural and historic interests of Tribal Nations, while modernizing the application of the NHPA and NEPA rules to prevent unnecessary costs and delays in the deployment of next generation networks. Ensuring that federal historic preservation and environmental review rules (which were designed for much larger structures) no longer apply to small cell deployments is a significant step in fostering the deployment of 5G networks and bringing broadband to more Americans.

The Order would also streamline the rules that will continue to apply to larger facilities and clarify when associated fees may be appropriate.

INCOMPAS's filings on the Draft Order can be found here:

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10315188538892/Ex%20Parte%20Notice%20for%20Wireless%20Meetings.pdf>

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/103121384229241/Ex%20Parte%20Notice%20for%203-8%20Peraertz%20Meeting.pdf>

In addition, INCOMPAS CEO Chip Pickering released the following statement:

"We appreciate Commissioner Carr's leadership on this issue and urge his fellow Commissioners to adopt the Order at their upcoming Open Meeting. The Draft Order's approach is a common sense solution to small cell deployment – eliminating unnecessary reviews and streamlining the process when applicable, while balancing legitimate concerns about historical and cultural preservation.

"Next generation 5G networks are critical to our nation's security and we should be making all efforts to speed their deployment. It's predicted this Order would save Americans \$1.56 billion in burdensome red tape while creating 17,000 new jobs. There's no denying this Order is good for America's economy and our national security as we work to maintain our global leadership in wireless networks."

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About INCOMPAS:

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