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INCOMPAS: Streaming Movies are Oscar-Worthy and the Future

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 28, 2018) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, released a statement in response to recent comments from Steven Spielberg saying Netflix movies should not qualify for the Academy Awards.

The streaming revolution has unleashed a creative arts and entertainment boom. Netflix has committed to investing \$15.7 billion over the next few years for new, original content, including critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries, and short films. This means consumers have access to more of the content they desire, whenever they want, all at a lower price.

INCOMPAS believes that innovation and competition have the power to propel us into the future. Streaming services have done just that, allowing artists to tell modern stories in modern ways, introducing new and diverse content that otherwise was not being created. It is no wonder that the streaming audience – as well as the Academy – have reacted positively to this revolution.

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

“Netflix’s ‘Mudbound’ received three Oscar nominations, including one for Rachel Morrison, the first woman to be nominated for Best Cinematography. And Martin Scorsese has just wrapped filming ‘The Irishman’ – his new passion project for Netflix. You’re telling me that before he’s even seen the film, Mr. Spielberg thinks it’s only deserving of an Emmy, not an Oscar? Critically-acclaimed art is still that regardless of whether it’s first viewed in a theater or in the comfort of one’s own home.”

“Streaming services like Netflix have created an innovative space for how we consume the content we love. It has opened the door to more new pieces of work that wouldn’t have been made in the past because it wouldn’t have warranted a big box office opening. It’s diversifying film and television, and it means more good entertainment, all available on demand. If that’s not Oscar-worthy, I don’t know what is.”

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About INCOMPAS:

INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, is the leading trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks. INCOMPAS represents Internet, streaming, 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 @ChipPickering