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## **FCC “One Touch Make Ready” Brings Competition, Can Kick Start "All of the Above" Broadband Deployment Effort**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 2, 2018)** – Today, the FCC voted to pass the “One-Touch, Make-Ready” Order to streamline the pole attachment process to spur broadband deployment.

**In response, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, released the following statement of support:**

“By streamlining the process for pole attachments, the FCC is sending the right signal to consumers and businesses who crave more broadband competition. For too long, new network builders have been held back by infrastructure roadblocks, slowing down the deployment of lower cost, faster speed fiber networks.

“We hope today’s action by the FCC is the start of an “all of the above” deployment strategy that preserves the bridge to broadband and helps bring more competition, investment and innovation to urban centers and rural America.

“We would like to thank Chairman Ajit Pai for leading a significant and thoughtful process, and for identifying the broader impact a network like Detroit’s Rocket Fiber can have on a community.

"In addition, we praise Commissioner Brendan Carr for his 5G leadership and connecting the dots between network deployment, 5G and backhaul. Commissioner Michael O’Rielly for acknowledging the multi decade fight to bring more competition to local communities. We also thank Commissioner Rosenworcel for her longtime support for competition and the consumers who want more choice and better service, we look forward to working with her to address any deployment concerns moving forward.

“The entire commission deserves praise for their willingness to travel across the nation, listening to competitive broadband providers eager to build faster networks of the future in their communities.”

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### **About INCOMPAS:**

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