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INCOMPAS Comments Urging FCC to Bring Broadband Competition to Apartments, Condos, Multiple Tenant Environments (MTEs)

WASHINGTON DC (July 25, 2017) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, filed comments today with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on the Notice of Inquiry regarding broadband deployment and competition enhancement in multiple tenant environments (MTEs) – such as apartment buildings and condominiums.

In their comments to the FCC, INCOMPAS applauded the Commission’s efforts to accelerate broadband deployment and suggested areas of reform that will help foster competition.

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

<http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS%20Comments%20on%20MTE%20NOI.pdf>

In addition to the FCC filing, INCOMPAS released the following statement:

“We support the Federal Communication Commission’s efforts to speed broadband deployment and bring broadband competition to consumers and families living in apartment buildings, condos and other MTEs. Accelerating broadband deployment in these types of dwellings will increase consumer choice and improve service.

“Competition is the law. Signing a lease on an apartment shouldn’t mean signing away your freedom to faster, more affordable broadband.

“Today, more than 30 percent of Americans live in MTEs. We encourage the FCC to reevaluate the policies that currently police broadband service in apartments, condominiums and cooperatives. Pervasive revenue-sharing deals between landlords and incumbent service providers merely serve as a kickback from the provider to the landlord; this is to the detriment of the consumer as these uncompetitive practices result in higher prices and slower speeds for tenants.

“We also urge the FCC to undertake a thorough investigation of wiring exclusivity agreements between communications providers and landlords, revisit other forms of exclusivity agreements

that discourage competition, and acknowledge recent state and local mandatory access laws that have effectively increased competition.

“The lack of competition for residential broadband access has impaired innovation and discouraged new providers from entering the market. Removing these various barriers to entry will ultimately increase consumer choice and competition, thereby lowering costs and providing higher-quality services for MTEs and surrounding neighborhoods.”

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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