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INCOMPAS Statement on FCC Net Neutrality Vote: “FCC’s ISP Love Affair a Streaming Heartbreaker”

WASHINGTON DC (May 18, 2017) – The FCC voted today to continue with a proceeding aimed at dramatically changing American’s ability to access a free and open internet.

In response to the vote, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, released the following statement:

“The FCC’s love affair with a few large ISP’s is going to be a heartbreaker for consumers, small businesses and streaming services. Today’s vote continues pushing the internet down a dangerous path, one that threatens both freedom of expression and free markets.

“The current approach to preserve open Internet rules is consistent with Justice Scalia’s views of Internet access service, and are the first open internet protections to be upheld by the courts in over a decade—a decade in which both parties have agreed ensuring an open Internet is critical for the nation.

“Failed legal arguments and failed ideology presented by those seeking to let AT&T and Comcast block, throttle and control the internet will do great harm to upstarts and entrepreneurs, faith and religious organizations, and conservative and rural voices longing to be heard.”

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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