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## **INCOMPAS: The FCC is Heading down a Dangerous, Anti-Consumer, Anti-Free Market Path on Net Neutrality**

WASHINGTON DC (August 30, 2017) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competition networks association, filed reply comments today in the Federal Communications Commission proceeding on Net Neutrality and the 2015 Open Internet Order.

In the filing, INCOMPAS demonstrates that prior governmental findings, from both the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice, establish the continuing threat to an open internet. INCOMPAS relies upon an economic review authored by Dr. David S. Evans that outlines the incentive and ability fixed broadband providers have to harm edge providers and consumers in the absence of open internet protections.

INCOMPAS previously filed one of the most substantive comments in the record, which lays out the legal arguments as to why the FCC's proposal, if adopted, would be headed towards defeat in an appeal. The FCC is legally obligated to consider the relevant facts in its proceeding, including findings and economic analyses from past proceedings.

A complete record will show decisively that today's large, wireline broadband providers serve as gatekeepers with the ability and incentive to harm both consumers and edge providers by unfairly interfering with internet traffic.

**Read INCOMPAS's reply comments here:**

<http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS%20RIF%20Reply%20Comments-30Aug%20FINAL.pdf>

**Read INCOMPAS's original filing here:** [http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS--RIF%20Comments%20WC%20Docket%20No\\_%202017-108%20\(July%202017,%202017\).pdf](http://www.incompas.org/files/INCOMPAS--RIF%20Comments%20WC%20Docket%20No_%202017-108%20(July%202017,%202017).pdf)

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

“The FCC must focus on the public interest, not the investment plans and revenue goals of a handful of large phone and cable companies. The current open internet rules are saving consumers money, creating jobs and unleashing innovation and investment.

“Big ISP's claim that they would never do anything to harm an open internet. But both the Department and Justice and the Federal Communications Commission have found this to be untrue in prior merger proceedings, including by looking at these companies' own internal documents. Papering over history will not prevail in court.

“We cannot rollback the consumer protections enshrined in the Open Internet Order. The FCC is pushing the internet down a very dangerous path, one that is anti-competition, anti-consumer, and anti-streaming.”

**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](http://www.incompas.org) or follow us on Twitter: @INCOMPAS @ChipPickering