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## **NetCompetition.org Files Comments on National Broadband Plan NOI**

*Plan should build upon America's strong foundation of broadband facilities-based competition*

**WASHINGTON** – In response to the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Inquiry, NetCompetition.org today filed comments with the FCC regarding the National Broadband Plan. In his comments, Scott Cleland, Chairman, NetCompetition.org, made three main points about the plan; it should:

- Build upon America's strong foundation of success in developing facilities-based broadband competition in the vast majority of the U.S;
- Factor in the latest data which indicates the U.S. is not falling behind in broadband or economic competitiveness; and
- Elevate cybersecurity as a national priority per the President's recent cybersecurity review.

Cleland said: "This is no time to 'throw the baby out with the bathwater.' The FCC's broadband challenge is improving the few segments where sufficient broadband deployment may not be competitively feasible, without undermining the important success of facilities-based broadband competition in the vast majority of the United States."

- "Unlike many other sectors of the economy, the American broadband sector is growing, is heading in the right direction, and is helping to solve many of society's most pressing problems" Cleland added.

"There is substantial new evidence that the U.S. is not falling behind the rest of the world on broadband or economic competitiveness." Cleland also noted.

"Last week, President Barack Obama elevated cybersecurity as the leading priority for the Internet and cyberspace; the National Broadband Plan should appropriately reflect this new cybersecurity national priority." continued Cleland.

*NETCompetition.org is a pro-competition e-forum representing broadband interests. See [www.netcompetition.org](http://www.netcompetition.org).*

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