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## **COMMISSIONER COPPS REITERATES CALL FOR A NATIONAL BROADBAND STRATEGY TO ADDRESS AMERICA'S DROP IN BROADBAND RANKINGS**

In response to the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development's announcement today that the United States has fallen in its country-by-country ranking of broadband penetration, Commissioner Michael J. Copps issued the following statement:

"Every year brings more bad news as the United States slides farther down the broadband rankings. It's a national embarrassment and the only way to change it is to develop a broadband strategy like every other industrialized nation has already done. These rankings aren't a beauty contest – they're about our competitiveness as a country and creating economic opportunity for all our people. Bringing high-speed broadband to every corner of the country is the central infrastructure challenge we face. Always in the past, our nation found ways to stay ahead of everyone else in building infrastructure like turnpikes, railroads and highways. Now, in broadband, we're not even an also-ran."

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