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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON FCC PROPOSAL TO INCREASE CONSUMER ACCESS TO IN-FLIGHT MOBILE WIRELESS SERVICES**

Washington, D.C. – Chairman Tom Wheeler has issued the following statement:

“Today, we circulated a proposal to expand consumer access and choice for in-flight mobile broadband.  Modern technologies can deliver mobile services in the air safely and reliably, and the time is right to review our outdated and restrictive rules. I look forward to working closely with my colleagues, the FAA, and the airline industry on this review of new mobile opportunities for consumers.”

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