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**STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON GIGABIT NETWORK DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTICUT**

WASHINGTON-- Today Connecticut leaders announced they are seeking to develop ultra-high-speed gigabit Internet networks in three cities – New Haven, West Hartford and Stamford. The following is attributable to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler.

“High-speed broadband is an essential asset for today’s communities and tomorrow’s economy. Too many Americans lack real choices for fast, affordable Internet service, which I why I’m heartened to see these leaders commit to bringing gigabit connectivity to the businesses and consumers of central Connecticut.  Today’s announcement will lead to more competitive choices for consumers and more innovation to create jobs and improve the lives across the region.”

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