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**STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON COMMUNITY BROADBAND**

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler issued the following statement today following the speech by President Barack Obama in Cedar Falls, Iowa:

“High-speed Internet access is a fundamental part of our daily lives at home, on the job and at school. While fast broadband is available to some, there are far too many parts of the country, particularly rural America, that are being left further and further behind. Many other Americans lack competitive choices for broadband. The FCC has been working diligently to expand broadband deployment and increase consumer choice and competition nationwide, including reviewing complaints from cities that have been prohibited from providing competitive high-speed alternatives.”

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