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City Organization Applauds FCC Stance on Public Broadband

ATLANTA – The Georgia Municipal Association applauds FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler’s leadership and his recognition that local governments play an integral role in ensuring broadband competition for their residents.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2015/02/02/the-fcc-is-moving-to-preempt-state-broadband-limits/>

Access to high speed, broadband internet is important for education, our economy and healthcare, as more and more hospitals are using the internet for remote consultations and procedures. While private telecommunication companies have the business goal of making a profit for shareholders, the public sector sees broadband internet as key to ensuring businesses in their communities can prosper. Prohibiting government from providing this economic development infrastructure, or limiting its ability to do so, is counter to the wishes of the community and to the best interest of cities, states and our nation.

We thank Chairman Wheeler for his stance on this issue on behalf of Georgia’s 537 cities.

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