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## **ITTA Statement on FCC's Consumer Privacy Decision**

(Washington, DC) The following statement was released today by ITTA - The Voice of Mid-Size Communications Companies and may be attributed to Genny Morelli, President of ITTA:

“Although well-intentioned, the FCC’s decision to impose expansive new consumer privacy rules on ISPs far exceeds its statutory authority. The authority to apply the complex and burdensome privacy regime adopted today is nowhere to be found in the Communications Act or its legislative history. ITTA looks forward to participating in the legal challenge to today’s decision and is confident the decision will be found unlawful.

Additionally, the sector-specific regulations adopted today disproportionately disadvantage ISPs vis-à-vis edge providers. Edge providers have far greater access to exponentially greater quantities and varieties of consumer information than ISPs, yet the rules adopted today subject ISPs to far stricter regulatory scrutiny than edge providers. The uneven competitive field between ISPs and edge providers created by today’s decision will create customer confusion and will stifle competition in the online advertising marketplace.”

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