

STATEMENT OF ALLEN HEPNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW
MILLENNIUM RESEARCH COUNCIL (NMRC), REGARDING THE PROGRESS
AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION'S (PFF) RELEASE OF TWO CRITIQUES OF
PHILADELPHIA'S WIRELESS BUSINESS PLAN

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“Today, the NMRC presents two Progress and Freedom Foundation (PFF) papers, written by Adam D. Thierer, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Digital Media Freedom, and Thomas M. Lenard, Senior Fellow and Vice President for Research, reviewing the City of Philadelphia's Wireless Business Plan. The ‘Progress on Point’ papers provide policymakers and citizens alike with timely and important in-depth feasibility assessments of the Philadelphia plan. These papers raise serious questions about the need for and viability of the plan, and assumptions underlining the business model. PFF and the authors are to be commended for advancing the debate on this important public policy issue.”