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*** * * PRESS STATEMENT * * ***

(Washington) The following statement was released today by the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), and may be attributed to Paul Raak, Vice President of Legislative Affairs:

“ITTA commends Senator DeMint and Congressman Scalise for introducing H.R. 3675 and S. 2008 to reform the outdated regulatory framework governing distribution of broadcast television programming. Given the competitive and technological changes that have occurred in the video distribution marketplace since these laws and rules were adopted, we are pleased that Congress is taking a much-needed step forward to ensure that the regulatory construct that is in place reflects the realities of the current marketplace and protects consumers. We look forward to working with policymakers and stakeholders to ensure that the final legislation is consistent with these worthwhile objectives.”

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ITTA represents mid-size local exchange companies that provide a broad range of high quality wireline and wireless voice, broadband, Internet, and video telecommunications services to 19 million access lines in 44 states.