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## **ITTA MOURNS LOSS OF SENATOR TED STEVENS**

(Washington) The following statement was released today by the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA):

“ITTA mourns the tragic and untimely loss of Senator Ted Stevens. Senator Stevens was a staunch advocate for rural America throughout his historic 41-year Senate career, and advocated tirelessly on behalf of citizens in rural and insular areas throughout the United States. His commitment to telecommunications policy, complemented by his insight, vision, and stature in the Senate, enabled communications connectivity for millions of Americans, and stand as a particular achievement among his many good works.”

“ITTA offers its deepest condolences to the Senator’s family, colleagues, and friends.”

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