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ITTA PRAISES PASSAGE OF STAVRA

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

"ITTA is pleased that the Senate Commerce Committee passed the Satellite Television Access and Viewer Rights Act (STAVRA) and looks forward to working with Congress to further reform our country's outdated video laws.

ITTA would especially like to commend Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune and their staffs for raising the profile on how outdated and anticonsumer our video laws have become. ITTA shares the views of Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune that more must be done to reform our video laws. Unfortunately, STAVRA did not prove to be the vehicle for comprehensive video reform. However, the bills passed by the Senate Commerce Committee and the House represent a good starting point for comprehensive video reform next Congress. With continued guidance from Congressional leaders, ITTA is hopeful that broad video reform will soon become a reality."

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