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"I applaud the cable industry for the significant campaign it announced today to educate the public about the DTV transition. Ensuring a successful transition must be one of our nation's top priorities, and it is incumbent upon the government, industry and the public interest community to educate consumers about how to be prepared. Cable operators are to be commended for being at the forefront of that effort, and I would hope to see others follow their lead in short order."

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