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DIRECTV and DISH Applaud Draft Satellite Bill

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. and ENGLEWOOD, Colo., March 7, 2014 – DIRECTV and DISH thank Chairman Walden of the House Communications and Technology Subcommittee for releasing the first STELA reauthorization discussion draft.

We support this draft as an important first step in the reauthorization of STELA. Significantly, it ensures continuity of service to more than 1.5 million distant signal customers who would, otherwise, lose service in December. It also addresses one of the most egregious forms of retransmission consent abuse – joint negotiating agreements among broadcasters.

We and our 34 million combined customers appreciate the hard work of the Subcommittee, and we look forward to working with Republican and Democratic members of Congress as this legislation moves forward.

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