DIRECTV and DISH Support Passage of STELA Reauthorization by U.S. House of Representatives

– DIRECTV and DISH Network issued the following statement today in support of Congressional efforts to reauthorize the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act (STELA):

"On behalf of our 34 million DIRECTV and DISH satellite television customers, we thank the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives, along with the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Judiciary Committee, for their bipartisan work to reauthorize STELA for five more years. We support H.R. 4572, the 'STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014,' as an important step in Congress' 2014 STELA reauthorization process.

Critically, the legislation ensures continuity of service to more than 1.5 million distant signal customers who would, otherwise, lose service at the end of this year. It also addresses one of the most egregious forms of retransmission consent abuse – joint negotiating agreements among broadcasters."

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