

# DIRECTV and DISH Support Swift Bipartisan Compromise "STAVRA" Passage out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. and ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Sept. 16, 2014 – DIRECTV and DISH issued the following statement in support of the managers' amendment released Sep. 12, 2014, for the Satellite Television Access and Viewer Rights Act (STAVRA):

"We support the efforts of Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune to pass legislation that makes important reforms to the outdated laws governing today's video market while ensuring continuity of service to more than 1.5 million distant signal subscribers who would, otherwise, lose service at the end of this year. We urge the Senate Commerce Committee to pass the version of STAVRA that was released as the manager's amendment last Friday. Although that version does not contain the 'Local Choice' provisions that were originally proposed by Senators Rockefeller and Thune, we remain enthusiastic supporters of 'Local Choice' and other retransmission consent reform efforts that protect consumers by ending local channel blackouts. We look forward to continuing that important discussion."

## **About DIRECTV**

DIRECTV (NASDAQ: DTV) is one of the world's leading providers of digital television entertainment services. Through its subsidiaries and affiliated companies in the United States, Brazil, Mexico and other countries in Latin America, DIRECTV provides digital television service to more than 20 million customers in the United States and more than 18 million customers in Latin America. For more information on DIRECTV please visit <http://www.directv.com>.

## **About DISH**

DISH Network Corporation (NASDAQ:DISH), through its subsidiary DISH Network L.L.C., provides approximately 14.053 million satellite TV customers, as of June 30, 2014, with the highest quality programming and technology with the most choices at the best value. Subscribers enjoy a high definition line-up with more than 200 national HD channels, the most international channels, and award-winning HD and DVR technology. DISH Network Corporation is a Fortune 250 company. Visit [www.dish.com](http://www.dish.com).

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