

EchoStar Statement Regarding the Satellite Consumer Protection Act of 2006

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.-- EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) has issued the following statement regarding the Satellite Consumer Protection Act of 2006:

"Today, Senators Leahy, Allard, Inouye, Snowe, Rockefeller, Byrd, Salazar, Clinton, Roberts, Pryor, Enzi, and Ensign stood up for American consumers by introducing S. 4067, the 'Satellite Consumer Protection Act of 2006.'

EchoStar commends this tremendous bipartisan effort to enable innocent consumers to continue to receive distant network channels, particularly subscribers who live in rural areas and markets where there is no local broadcaster. Unfortunately, because of a court ruling that requires EchoStar to stop transmitting these signals by December 1, 2006 and the imminent adjournment of Congress, it appears that innocent consumers will lose their network signals before Congress can act on this important legislation."

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) serves more than 12.75 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network™, the fastest growing U.S. provider of advanced digital television services in the last five years. DISH Network offers hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service.

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