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## **Satellite Industry Association Strengthens Government Affairs Staff**

**Washington, DC** - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced Michael Beavin as its new director of government affairs. Beavin brings extensive public policy experience to SIA and will be overseeing all satellite focused legislative and policy issues facing Congress and the Administration for the Association.

**“Mike will be working with key policymakers to ensure that the voice of the satellite industry is heard in Washington, DC. His experience, both in Congress and industry, will do much to raise SIA’s profile and benefit our members greatly. Having Mike in this role re-emphasizes SIA’s strong commitment to being a major player when it comes to shaping policy facing the satellite industry,”** said David Cavossa, executive director, SIA.

Beavin comes to SIA from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) where he was the director of government relations and public policy. Mike also served on the majority staff of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics for the House’s Committee on Science. The subcommittee is responsible for overseeing the authorization of the NASA budget and the FAA R,E&D budget.

Before coming to Washington DC, Mike pursued a commercial pilot career with several airlines. He holds a bachelors of Science degree from Bowling Green State University as well as a FAA commercial pilot license.

The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) is a U.S.-based trade association representing the leading U.S. and international satellite service providers, manufacturers, launch services companies and ground equipment suppliers throughout the world. The SIA is the unified voice of the commercial satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the global satellite industry. Additional information can be found at [www.sia.org](http://www.sia.org).

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