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**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
COMMEND NEW ADMINISTRATION
BROADBAND STIMULUS PACKAGE**

Washington, D.C. February, 26th, 2009 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) and its members commend the Obama Administration and the 111th Congress for allocating \$7.2 billion in funds for the nation’s deployment of broadband communications in the recently signed stimulus package bill, H.R. 1 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“The new administration’s stimulus package recognizes the powerful force that broadband Internet services can exert to create and retain jobs, while spurring commerce throughout the nation,” said SIA President Patricia Cooper. “We’re gratified at the plan’s emphasis on bringing broadband to unserved communities in America and pleased that all communications technologies can compete to serve broadband customers. Satellite companies stand ready to bring broadband to remote and rural communities and interoperable and redundant communications to public safety and emergency preparedness agencies”.

SIA and its members are looking forward to the implementation of broadband portion of this bill by both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce.

About the Satellite Industry Association

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. SIA is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business.

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