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## **SIA CONGRATULATES NEW FCC CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER ON SENATE CONFIRMATIONS**

**Washington, D.C., October 30, 2013** - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) applauds the U.S. Senate's confirmation last night of Thomas E. Wheeler as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Michael O'Rielly as FCC Commissioner.

"The satellite community congratulates Tom Wheeler and Michael O'Rielly on their confirmations. Their diverse experience and acumen in communications issues are well-respected, and their leadership will ensure an active and engaged Commission in the years ahead," said Patricia Cooper, SIA's President. "We thank Acting Chairwoman Mignon L. Clyburn for her skilled stewardship of the FCC these past months and look forward to engaging with the full Commission in their important goals for effective spectrum, licensing and regulatory policy that are so essential to a flourishing U.S. satellite business."

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