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**FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE ROBERT WORK DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AT
SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DINNER**

Washington, DC., March 08, 2016 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced that Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler and Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert O. Work delivered the two keynote addresses to an audience of industry executives and government officials last night at SIA’s 19th Annual Satellite Leadership Dinner in Washington, DC.

“On behalf of SIA and all of our Association Members, I would like to thank our distinguished keynote speakers, Deputy Secretary of Defense Work and FCC Chairman Wheeler, for helping us recognize the innovative and increasingly vital role the commercial satellite industry plays in the lives of government, enterprise and consumer customers around the globe,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. “More than ever before, the U.S. Department of Defense and the commercial satellite industry are working together to deliver innovative and vital services to DoD personnel virtually everywhere. And with commercial providers conceiving and developing a host of innovative new constellations, technologies and services including HTS, satellite broadband, satellite Ultra HD, advanced earth observation and remote sensing plus more, we can truly say that the entire industry is at an inflexion point. In a world where customers of all types increasingly rely on services that can only be delivered by satellites, we greatly appreciate the presence of our esteemed keynotes as we celebrate this new era of importance for the satellite industry.”

After meeting with SIA Member executives, Deputy Secretary Work emphasized the DoD’s intentions with space including the commercial satellite industry by stating, “the DOD must now prepare for a conflict that extends into space. In our budget, we’re continuing to invest more in space, totaling more than \$22 billion just this year.”

The SIA Leadership Dinner is held annually during SATELLITE Week in Washington, DC. For nearly two decades, SIA has gathered satellite industry executives and government officials in order to recognize the important role the commercial satellite industry plays both domestically and abroad and to honor individuals who have demonstrated long-term leadership and dedication to public service on issues affecting the industry.

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About The Satellite Industry Association

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. For more than two decades, SIA has advocated on behalf of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit www.sia.org.

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