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**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGED BY PROPOSED
LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE URGING THE FCC TO ENSURE ACCESS
TO SPECTRUM FOR SATELLITE OPERATORS**

*American Space Renaissance Act calls for satellite access to spectrum above 24
GHz without auction participation*

Washington, DC., April 12, 2016 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced it is encouraged by Rep. Jim Bridenstine’s (OK-1) call to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure primary access be given to commercial satellite operators who make use of spectrum bands above 24 GHz. Speaking at the Space Symposium being held in Colorado Springs, Congressman Bridenstine outlined details of a comprehensive reform bill known as the American Space Renaissance Act. The proposed legislation includes language that the FCC “ensure that commercial satellites operating in geostationary and non-geostationary orbit have primary access to the electromagnetic spectrum in the 27.5-28.35 gigahertz band”.

“SIA appreciates Congressman Bridenstine’s continued recognition of the increasingly important role the commercial satellite industry plays in delivering vital and often life-saving services to DoD, government and enterprise customers as well as consumers,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. SIA and its members look forward to collaborating with the FCC and terrestrial providers to maximize the potential utility of those spectrum bands for all customers across America and abroad.”

Earlier this year, SIA filed comments with the FCC calling for terrestrial carriers and the Commission to work with satellite companies with the goal of developing an effective consensus for efficient sharing of those spectrum bands above 24 GHz.

For further details regarding the American Space Renaissance Act, please see the following link:
<http://spacerenaissanceact.com/>

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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

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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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