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### **FCC COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DINNER**

**Washington, D.C., Feb 23, 2017** – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced that Commissioner Michael O’Rielly of the Federal Communications Commission will deliver a keynote address at SIA’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Satellite Leadership Dinner. The Dinner will take place on March 6, 2017 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner O’Rielly was nominated for a seat on the FCC by President Barack Obama in August of 2013 and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on October 29, 2013. On January 29, 2015, he was sworn into office for a new term, following his re-nomination by the President and confirmation by the United States Senate. Prior to joining the agency Commissioner O’Rielly served as a Policy Advisor in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip, led by U.S. Senator John Cornyn, since January 2013. He worked in the Republican Whip’s Office since 2010, as an Advisor from 2010 to 2012 and Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director from 2012 to 2013 for U.S. Senator Jon Kyl. The Commissioner’s biography can be found [HERE](#).

The SIA Leadership Dinner is held annually during SATELLITE Week in Washington, DC. For 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. The Dinner is open to SIA Guests, Executive and Associate Members. SIA Executive and Associate Members interested in tables and seats for this year’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, should contact SIA Director of Events and Operations Jennifer Williams at [jwilliams@sia.org](mailto:jwilliams@sia.org) or via telephone at 202.503.1565.

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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](http://www.sia.org).

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