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### **SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE HEARING ON THE VALUE OF SPECTRUM TO THE U.S. ECONOMY**

**Washington, D.C., March 2, 2017** – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) testified today on the critical importance of satellite spectrum in supporting vital services to America at a Senate subcommittee hearing titled “Exploring the Value of Spectrum to the U.S. Economy”. The hearing was held by the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet. SIA President Tom Stroup provided testimony on behalf of the Association.

“I would encourage the committee to consider that our very way of life depends on the benefits we receive from satellite-based services and applications,” said Mr. Stroup in his oral remarks. “Satellite communications, earth observation, and position, navigation, and timing – have transformed how we communicate, how we map, navigate, and see our world, how we produce food and energy, conduct banking, predict weather, perform disaster relief, ensure national security, and so much more. Of course, delivering these diverse services to a broad range of customers is only possible because of our ability to access spectrum in a number of frequency bands.

“We ask the Senate and this Subcommittee to consider how to pursue a balanced approach to making additional spectrum available for future growth, that you ensure that satellite is a part of that equation. Together we have an opportunity to address the digital divide, meet the growing needs of U.S. consumers, ensure our country’s safety and national security, and do so in a manner that utilizes spectrum most efficiently.”

The subcommittee hearing titled “Exploring the Value of Spectrum to the U.S. Economy” was convened earlier today to explore the future of spectrum policy and how wireless technology benefits consumers and the economy.

SIA’s full testimony will be available later today at [www.sia.org](http://www.sia.org). In addition, full information regarding the hearing is available at the following link:

<http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/3/exploring-the-value-of-spectrum-to-the-u-s-economy>

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

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