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Arlington, VA – June 28, 2006 – Today, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation committee voted to approve the Communications, Consumers' Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006.

“We applaud the Committee’s tireless work to make video competition a reality. Thanks to their hard bipartisan work, consumers are one step closer to realizing the benefits of competition in the video market,” said Steve Ricchetti, co-chair, TV4US.

“We must continue this great momentum and pass this important bill through the entire Senate as soon as possible. We know that the faster cable competition is introduced into a community, the faster consumers see savings on their bills and enjoy improved customer service,” continued Ricchetti.

“Today, with bipartisan support, the members of the Senate Commerce Committee did something very wise and very positive for the consumers and workers of this country,” said Charlie Black, co-chair, TV4US. “By passing this bill, they sent two very clear messages to their fellow Senators – consumers need to receive the benefits of video competition, and businesses and workers who invest their time and resources in the Internet are the key to making the industry successful.”

“Senators on both sides of the aisle need to move now and get this bill to a floor vote as quickly as possible. The longer we wait to make video competition a reality, the longer consumers must wait for savings and workers must wait for jobs,” continued Black.

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