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Statement of Jean Prewitt, President & CEO, Independent Film and Television Alliance

Regarding Introduction of the "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008"

The "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2008" is vital legislation to help ensure an open and nondiscriminatory Internet. The bill recognizes that antitrust laws as well as telecommunications laws are important to preserve a free, open, and competitive market in this most vibrant communication platform. IFTA commends House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers (D-MI) and Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) for introducing this legislation.

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