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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN WILLIAM E. KENNARD ON NCTA/CEA LETTER

I am pleased that the cable and electronics industries are continuing to press forward with industry solutions to resolve outstanding issues regarding compatibility between cable television systems and digital television receivers, set top boxes and other consumer electronics equipment.

NCTA and CEA have written the Commission today with their proposed consensus agreement on how to label DTV receivers with different features, including two-way interactive capability. We will study their agreement with great interest.

Today is also the deadline for filing initial comments in the FCC's rulemaking proceeding on this issue and the copy protection issue.

Final resolution of these issues will contribute significantly to the swift roll-out of digital television capabilities to the American public.

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