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## **STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE DTV DELAY ACT**

*Washington, D.C.* – In response to Congressional passage of the DTV Delay Act, Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein released the following statement:

I applaud the action by Congress to give us more time to get the digital TV transition right. We remain far from ready, despite the heroic efforts of FCC staff, performing under great odds and inadequate leadership. As I've said before, this national transition has been mismanaged and plagued by the lack of a coherent and coordinated strategy. More time was desperately needed to correct the mistakes that many, including leaders in Congress, the Government Accountability Office, and every current member of the FCC, have long raised.

Moving forward, we need to re-establish the converter box coupon program, make sure we are prepared to answer the flood of phone calls we can clearly anticipate, and establish a field operation to provide on the ground assistance to those who need it. The extension to June 12, 2009, gives us time to complete the work already begun under the leadership of Chairman Copps, with the full support of all of us on the Commission.

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