

The logo for the Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association features a blue horizontal bar with the organization's name in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The bar is framed by a black, wavy, scribbled line that resembles a cable or signal path.

TENNESSEE CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

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TCTA Reacts to Competitive Cable and Video Services Act

NASHVILLE – The following statement is issued today by Stacey Briggs, executive director of Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association, in response to the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act:

"This has been a good process – not easy, but good – and legislative leadership, particularly Speaker Naifeh should be commended for managing this outcome on a highly complex policy.

"The cable industry, including Comcast and Charter, stood firm to make sure that our members were treated fairly and that AT&T and other companies were not granted advantages in the law. And, most important for consumers, Tennessee's cable companies will continue making substantial and meaningful investment in Tennessee. Cable companies will continue to be the leader in bringing the most advanced products, services and newest technologies to consumers across the state.

"AT&T and other companies have had the right to compete under local franchising rules for more than a dozen years. This new policy streamlines the franchise process, but it remains to be seen whether new entrants will compete in Tennessee."

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