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HOUSE PASSES BILL TO DELAY DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, today announced that the House has passed a bill to delay the digital television transition.

“Without this bill, millions of American – including 5,200 families in my district alone – would be forced to purchase new digital televisions before they are ready to do so,” Schakowsky said.

The DTV Delay Act would take a number of steps to mitigate the impact on consumers and broadcasters:

- Delaying the transition by 115 days and extending the license terms of the commercial stations
- Permitting consumers who never redeemed coupons to reapply for replacement coupons
- Expressly preserving the ability of broadcasters to transition before the new transition date
- Expressly preserving the ability of public safety entities to use the DTV spectrum before the transition