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Statement of Jean Prewitt, President and CEO of the Independent Film & Television Alliance® (IFTA®) on the introduction of the Foreign Anti-Digital Piracy Act (FADPA)

“IFTA commends Rep. Zoe Lofgren for her efforts to introduce site blocking legislation to address foreign copyright piracy, which is a major problem for independent film producers. Site blocking legislation is badly needed to protect U.S. creators from industrial-strength theft of their films and programs by foreign bad actors, who are outside the reach of U.S. legal jurisdiction. We also look forward to working with House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet Chair Darrell Issa as he leads a bi-partisan effort, working with Rep. Lofgren and other members to craft a legislative solution to deal with foreign copyright piracy and protect our industry and U.S. economic productivity.”

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About the Independent Film & Television Alliance:

IFTA is the global trade association for independent film and television production, finance, distribution, and sales companies. The organization represents the independent sector before governments and international bodies and provides significant entertainment industry services to its member companies in 22 countries consisting of independent production and distribution companies, sales agents, and financial institutions engaged in production finance. Each November, it produces the American Film Market®, the world’s largest motion picture event, drawing thousands of industry leaders from 80 countries and leading to more than \$1 Billion in distribution and film financing deals. IFTA also develops and publishes the IFTA® Model Agreements which articulate the industry-wide standards and key definitions for licensing international rights in motion pictures and television programming and are reviewed and revised regularly to keep pace with the evolving worldwide film and television industry. For more information on IFTA, visit www.IFTA-online.org.

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