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**State Representative Henriquez (D-58-FL) Supports
Senate Telecom Legislation**

After nearly a decade of hold-over regulations written for a different era in communications, U.S. Senators Ensign (R-NV) and McCain (R-AZ) have introduced comprehensive reform legislation aimed at encouraging real, head-to-head investment and competition across the communications marketplace. In doing so, the new bill would accelerate the arrival of innovative voice, video and Internet choices for consumers and new economic growth opportunities throughout Florida and nationwide.

State Representative Henriquez says of the Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act of 2005 (S.1504), "This legislation acknowledges the vast changes that have transpired in the communications industry since 1996 when the rules were last updated. It is a modern response to our modern world and embraces the simple principle: when companies are allowed to compete vigorously and fairly for our business, consumers win. Already, technology has transformed the lives of my constituents...and the kind of competition advocated in this bill promises to do much more by way of investment, innovation and economic growth."

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