

**ASSOCIATION OF
INDEPENDENT PROGRAMMING NETWORKS
(AIPN)**

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**AIPN ENDORSES SENATORS' JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON
VIDEO FRANCHISE REFORM**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 16, 2006 – The Association of Independent Programming Networks (AIPN) issued the following statement today:

The AIPN applauds Senators Smith, Ensign, Rockefeller, DeMint, McCain and Kerry for their leadership in issuance of the Video Competition Principles. The principles recognize the urgency for Congress to address the franchise issue. We hope that legislators will use these principles as a guide in establishing video franchise legislation. Video franchise reform will facilitate competition and increase choice in the video marketplace – which will inure to the benefit of consumers, local communities, and industry.

About AIPN

The AIPN is a new trade association that promotes the business, legislative, and regulatory interests of independently owned video programming networks. Independent programming networks promote competition and consumer choice, create new markets for video content, expand the diversity of ideas and information in the marketplace, and improve the quality of our national discourse. Founding members of AIPN include: The Tennis Channel, Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), ImaginAsian TV and The America Channel.