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## Seniors Applaud Ensign's Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act

*Seniors Want Choice and Competition, Not More Government Regulation*

(Oakton, VA) RetireSafe and its more than 350,000 senior citizen supporters today applauded Senator John Ensign (R-NV) on his introduction of the Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act.

"Senator Ensign's bill goes along way toward modernizing America's telecommunications policy to include broad, market-based reforms," said RetireSafe Vice President Michelle Plasari. "It is imperative that Congress act now and formulate a responsible telecommunications policy that ensures America's seniors have access to emerging technologies and market-based competition free from government over-regulation."

"The 1996 Telecom Act has been rendered obsolete by the rapid pace of innovation and competition across numerous platforms. Today's seniors face unprecedented choices in a marketplace full of cable, landline, wireless and satellite companies. It's time for Congress to recognize these 21<sup>st</sup> century innovations, move away from a policy of government-managed competition, and progress toward a free marketplace where consumers can reap the full benefits of head-to-head competition for their business," continued Plasari.

"America's seniors will ultimately benefit more from a pro-innovation environment than with a piecemeal regulatory regimen which tries to catch up bureaucratically with each new technology. Senator Ensign's bill focuses on the choices of consumers, not government regulators and heavy-handed policies. Congress should act now and pass the Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act," concluded Plasari.

RetireSafe is a grassroots action network of more than 350,000 senior citizens promoting dynamic solutions to America's retirement security challenges and dedicated to preserving and enhancing the options, benefits, and lives of older Americans. For more information, visit [www.RetireSafe.org](http://www.RetireSafe.org).

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