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Michigan Legislators Give Consumers an Early Christmas Present: Lower Rates, Better Service and More Choice for Cable TV

CHICAGO, IL - the following statement can be attributed to Reverend James L Demus III, co-director of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD):

“The Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide commends the Michigan State Senate and House members for the prompt passage of House Bill 6456. By passing this measure to promote competition in the cable TV market, Michigan consumers are within reach of saving nearly \$2 million dollars a day on their cable bills – a wonderful Christmas present to the people of the State of Michigan!

“We are grateful to the Majority and Minority leaders, as well as the Committee Chairmen and bill sponsors in both the Senate and the House for their hard work in making sure that all relevant issues were addressed in a timely manner so that this important pro-consumer legislation could be passed before the end of this year’s legislative session. Without this tremendous bi-partisan effort, consumers would have witnessed a major set-back in their efforts to free their wallets from the shackles of the monopoly controlled cable industry.

“This legislation is now heading towards the home stretch and Michigan consumers are so close to realizing the benefits of competition. As a final measure, we respectfully urge Governor Granholm to sign House Bill 6456 into law and give the people in this state a very Merry Christmas!”

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The Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) is a 15,000+ member civil rights organization led by ministers that is devoted to bridging the digital divide between those who have ready access to technology and those who do not.