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## **Ministers Praise Governor Strickland for Signing Video Reform Legislation into Law**

***COLUMBUS, OH - the following statement can be attributed to Reverend Dr. Eric Brown, founding member of the Ohio Chapter of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD):***

“The Ohio Chapter of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide praises Governor Strickland for signing the Cable and Video Competition Act of 2007, or Senate Bill 117, into law. By signing this landmark law that promotes competition in the cable TV market, Ohio consumers can look forward to soon receiving enormous savings on their cable bills.

The benefits that this legislation brings to Ohio consumers are phenomenal. Not only will competition in the cable TV market bring lower rates, better service and more choice to consumers, but this legislation will also bring state-of-the-art broadband investment to underserved Ohio communities. This is a huge leap forward in bridging the Digital Divide across the State of Ohio.

MAADD deeply appreciates all of the hard work that went into passing this pro-consumer law. Both parties in the House and Senate, as well as the Governor’s Office worked diligently to pass a well balanced bill that should be viewed as a model for other states looking to enact similar reforms. The State of Ohio clearly won today – communities will receive more broadband investment and consumers can look forward to receiving real savings that they can take to the bank.”

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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.*