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Statement from Senator Chris Dodd on the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015

WASHINGTON, DC – *The following is a statement from MPAA Chairman and CEO Senator Chris Dodd on the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015:*

“We are grateful to Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, and Chairman Ryan for the tremendous leadership they have shown by introducing the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015. As an industry that relies heavily on trade with foreign nations for our success, the American motion picture and television industry understands the importance of establishing beneficial trading relationships around the world. It is those types of relationships that allowed our industry to contribute \$130 billion to the overall American economy, maintain \$15.8 billion in exports worldwide and sustain a positive trade surplus of \$13.4 billion all in 2013.

By establishing clear rules for opening foreign markets to exports of U.S. creative content, promoting innovation and creativity through the protection and enforcement of U.S. intellectual property rights, and fostering legitimate digital trade that will benefit both of creators and consumers this legislation is an important step that will benefit American businesses, workers and the overall economy for years to come. We look forward to working to move this important legislation forward.”

About the MPAA

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) serves as the voice and advocate of the American motion picture, home video and television industries from its offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Its members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.;

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