

**Opening Statement of Representative Long
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Marketplace”
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I'd like to thank the witness' for being here, and I'm especially happy to see a fellow Missourian (Patricia Jo Boyers) testifying before us today.

I think we can all agree that the media and entertainment marketplace has and is rapidly evolving. There is more competition than ever, and government intervention is not always the answer.

It is important for us to examine the state of the video marketplace but as we approach a potential sixth reauthorization of STELAR, we need to take a hard look at the underlying policy and its relevance today rather than assuming its passage is a necessity. We should ignore the inclination to rubber stamp this legislation only because this committee has historically done so.