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### **SIA APPLAUDS THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DALBELLO AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SPACE COMMERCE**

**Washington, D.C., April 27, 2022** – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today applauded United States Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo after she announced the appointment of Richard DalBello as the new Director of the Office of Space Commerce (OSC). The Office of Space Commerce is the principal unit for space commerce policy activities within the Department of Commerce. Its mission is to foster the conditions for the economic growth and technological advancement of the U.S. commercial space industry.

Mr. DalBello has more than 20 years of experience as a commercial satellite and space industry senior executive and public servant. He was most recently Vice President of Government Affairs at GXO, Inc. Prior to joining GXO, he was Vice President of Business Development and Government Affairs for Virgin Galactic, where he was responsible for managing the Virgin Space companies' legislative, policy, and business interactions with the U.S. Government. From 2013-2015, Mr. DalBello served as Director, Space and Aeronautics, in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Previously, he was also the Vice President of Government Affairs for Intelsat General and President of the Satellite Industry Association.

“SIA strongly applauds the appointment of Richard DalBello as the new head of the Office of Space Commerce,” said Tom Stroup, president of SIA. “His wealth of experience as both a commercial satellite industry executive and advisor to the White House OSTP on commercial space matters makes him an ideal new Director of the OSC. Today’s commercial satellite industry is growing at an unprecedented rate and SIA and its members look forward to working with Director DalBello and the Office of Space Commerce to help maintain and grow America’s role as the world leader in space commerce.”

#### **About The Satellite Industry Association**

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