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Mr. Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Rm. 8-B-201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in regard to a matter that has become an issue for the citizens I represent in the Indiana House of Representatives: namely, access to independent programs they want, such as the Big Ten Network and the NFL Network. As we all know, cable companies have a monopoly on who they serve. Hoosiers are increasingly frustrated by independent programming not being available either on basic cable or without it being part of a more expensive cable package.

It has come to my attention that the FCC is in the process of opening a rulemaking proceeding (*MB Docket 07-42*) to consider changes that could address some of these concerns. I request that the FCC change its rules so that disputes such as those involving the Big Ten Network, NFL Network, and other "independent and diverse" channels be sent to an arbitrator who will have the authority to institute immediate actions on behalf of the nation's cable television consumers.

The marketplace for cable entertainment will benefit from competition and informed consumer decisions. Without action by the Federal Communications Commission, these goals cannot be met. I am encouraging you to take action because I'm being asked to do so at the state level. I would rather see this handled in a uniform manner at the federal level than find ourselves cobbling together different state approaches.

My sincere thanks for your timely consideration of my remarks concerning *MB Docket 07-42*.

Sincerely,



Scott E. Reske
State Representative
House District 37

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