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Kevin Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: NFL Network and Big 10 Network Programming Policies

Chairman Martin:

The decision by Time Warner Cable not to carry the NFL Network and the Big 10 Network is unconscionable. As a quasi-monopoly, Time Warner carries dozens of shows on their basic and expanded basic tiers that have tiny market shares. Wisconsin sports, particularly University of Wisconsin football and the Green Bay Packers have huge followings and are of extremely high interest to the audience. It is totally wrong that a company with a quasi-monopoly granted by the government should be allowed to act in such a high-handed manner, totally against the broad public interest.

The FCC should modify its rules to enable arbitration and/or mediation to settle disputes of this kind between networks and consumers without delay. At present, if you do not act, football fans throughout Wisconsin will miss what is for many the most important game of the season, Green Bay vs. the Dallas Cowboys on November 29.

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Sincerely,

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