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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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October 25, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to urge immediate action to bring a resolution to the current dispute between News Corp and Cablevision that is resulting in my constituents not being able to see important programming, such as the National League Championship series and the NY Giants football game.

Last week, I sent the attached letter to urge the parties to ensure that the consumers were not the victims of this dispute through the loss of programming. Unfortunately, an agreement was not reached, and at this point there is no indication that the parties are making progress on reaching a resolution, thus intensifying the risk that my constituents will not be able to see the World Series either.

As Chairman of the FCC overseeing the retransmission consent process and charged with the obligation to ensure that broadcasters act in the public interest, it imperative that your office bring the parties together, mediate the dispute, and have them put the programming back on immediately to prevent my constituents and millions of Americans from being denied this programming.

I would appreciate it if you could advise of your intent in this regard at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Albert Coutinho

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