

As a Western New York resident and New York state tax payer, I feel that if professional sports teams are receiving tax dollars from local and state government agencies ,then the blackout rule should be abolished. The cost of going to an NFL game has climbed beyond the normal means of a middle class person. The Buffalo Bills have a stadium that exceeds the league average for stadium seating which makes it more difficult to sell out in a small market city. The Buffalo Bills have proven over the years to be one of the most supported teams in the NFL despite delivering a subpar product. When team owners choose to spend less on their product and pocket the profits, why should the fans show up and support them? Making all the games available on TV will force the owners to pay for a quality product which in turn will create demand for tickets. If the league insists on having blackouts then laws should be created to prevent any level of government from using tax payer dollars for any sports teams.