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Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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To the FCC:

On Tuesday Mr. Brian Frederick of SportsFans.org met with Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) to thank him for his support in fighting blackouts. Senator Sherrod Brown has been a true friend to fans everywhere on this issue. Later that day Mr. Frederick met with Republican FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell to discuss the government's support of blackouts. **But check this out:** While Mr. Frederick was meeting Federal Communications Commissioner Robert McDowell it was in front of a reporter and he was being asked by them to get the government out of the business of blackouts. However, Commissioner McDowell told Mr. Frederick the very next day he would be meeting with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss the blackouts. WOW! We have made so much noise on this issue that the NFL has had to dispatch the Commissioner of the League to go to the highest levels of government and defend its anti-fan blackout policy. Has this ever happened before?

When Mr. Frederick met Commissioner McDowell it was in front of a reporter and they were asking the government to get out of the business of blackouts. The NFL however, refused to even tell the media what time Goodell was meeting with Commissioner McDowell, much less let anyone sit in on the meeting. **If the NFL's blackout policy is justified why does it want its meetings to be a secret?** The NFL is obviously very afraid of the spotlight SportsFans.org and its supporters are shining on their business practices (and how the government subsidizes them) because they know they're in the wrong. Clearly SportsFans.org's Blackout Campaign is working. Senator Brown specifically pointed to all the comments from fans as helping advance our efforts. Fans must not relent. If we give up the leagues will be able to continue blacking out fans and wealthy owners can keep jacking up ticket prices.

Sincerely,

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