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Nearly all (more than 99 percent) of last season's games were broadcast on free local television, and the NFL is actively working to see that fans have access to every game in 2014. The current system is strong and isn't in need of a government fix. Fans in Cleveland shouldn't be forced to pay to watch games they already get for free. Please help protect the local businesses, economy, and fans in Cleveland that depend on this important rule. Everyone wins when NFL stadiums are full, and games are on free TV.

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