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NFL FCC letter on Behalf of the Hotel St. Regis

Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Mignon Clyburn,

As general manager of Hotel St. Regis in Detroit, I am troubled over recent reports that the FCC might end its decades-old sports blackout rule. This rule is a key part of a system that works for the fans who watch NFL regular season and playoff games on free local television. Importantly, the rule also works for my city's local economy, which benefits from strong stadium attendance on game days. When our football stadium is full, our local economy thrives. And fans in Detroit shouldn't be forced to pay to watch games they already get for free. 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. Please help protect the local businesses, economy and fans in Detroit that depend on this important rule. Everyone wins when NFL stadiums are full, and games are on free TV.

Thank you for considering our position,

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