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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It has been called to my attention that the Walt Disney Corporation and Cablevision have been unable to reach a retransmission agreement of WABC-TV in the greater New York market despite the pending expiration of their contract on March 7, 2010. Should no agreement be reached, Disney will terminate transmission of its WABC signal, effective that date.

I am deeply concerned that many of my constituents will be adversely impacted by this corporate stalemate as they will abruptly lose access to valuable news and entertainment programming. It is imperative that both sides negotiate in good faith. The agreement reached should not only allow both companies to benefit, but also continue to provide customers with high-quality programming.

While these may be private negotiations between two companies, it is vitally important that negotiations are closely monitored to ensure a positive outcome for all parties involved and that consumers are not used as a bargaining chip. I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to remain vigilant over the coming days as negotiations continue.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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