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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-3213

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have the honor and privilege of representing Staten Island and portions of Brooklyn, NY in the U.S. House of Representatives. I understand that Cablevision and The Walt Disney Company have been negotiating about the retransmission of WABC-TV in the greater New York market but may not reach an agreement before the imminent expiration of their current contract.

While these are private negotiations between two companies, I am writing to make sure that my constituents are not denied access to television programming. I am deeply concerned about reports that if an agreement cannot be reached, cable subscribers – including many of my constituents – will not be able to receive WABC-TV.

I urge you to make sure that neither company deprives cable subscribers of WABC-TV's broadcast signal while the two companies negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement.

Sincerely,



Michael E. McMahon  
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Robert Iger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Walt Disney Corp.  
Mr. James Dolan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cablevision Systems Corp.

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