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FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI STATEMENT ON FOX/CABLEVISION RETRANSMISSION CONSENT DISPUTE

“I am disappointed that Fox and Cablevision have not found a way to ensure that consumers could enjoy uninterrupted carriage of Fox broadcast stations on Cablevision systems.

“Each year, thousands of agreements between broadcasters and pay-TV providers are reached without interruption of customer viewing. I remain hopeful that these two companies will do what is in the best interest of consumers and find a way quickly to resolve their differences. While federal law provides that the terms will be set by agreement between private companies, Fox and Cablevision share responsibility for protecting their audience's interests. I expect both companies to live up to this responsibility.

“I have, and continue to urge Fox and Cablevision to engage in good faith negotiations and to reach an agreement that will end this viewing interruption as quickly as possible. In the meantime, the Commission has issued a consumer advisory, available on our website, www.fcc.gov, to make sure that consumers are aware of their options.”

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