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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing on behalf of the millions of New Yorkers who have been and may be negatively affected by retransmission consent disputes between local broadcast stations and multichannel video programming distributors. Specifically, cable operators and broadcasters in New York are engaged in complex negotiations to renew existing retransmission consent agreements, some of which are scheduled to expire this summer.

If these agreements are not renewed, important programming for many New Yorkers could be dramatically affected. It is not fair to punish consumers for the failure of these companies to reach an agreement, which is why I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to protect consumers, including my constituents, from losing any programming as a result of these negotiations. Finally, I also encourage the Commission to move as quickly as possible to update its retransmission consent rules to ensure that consumers will be protected during future renewal negotiations.

Thank you for your immediate attention to the retransmission consent issue. If I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Maloney
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Member of Congress