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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0912
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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn:

As a Representative of the 12th District of Florida, which contains portions of the Tampa Bay area, I am very hopeful that CBS and Time Warner Cable can resolve their retransmission content dispute as soon as possible.

This matter is certainly a dispute between two private entities engaged in contractual discussions. However, in the absence of a new agreement between the two sides, constituents in my district and the surrounding Tampa Bay area will continue to lack access to certain programming.

I am concerned to have learned that CBS has blocked subscribers of Time Warner Networks broadband internet access from accessing programming online via CBS.com. This action appears to have been made as a direct result of the retransmission consent contract negotiation. I respectfully request that the Commission analyze the merits of tying a consumer's access to internet content to his or her choice of cable television provider.

In the interest of consumers and their ability to access content on the internet, I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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