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**STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER MIGNON CLYBURN**

**ON THE NFL’S SUSPENSION OF BROADCAST TELEVISION BLACKOUTS**

Yesterday, the National Football League voted to suspend its broadcast television blackout rules for the 2015 football season. The FCC’s decision last September to eliminate its own rules supporting sports blackouts laid the foundation for this pro-consumer action. I am hopeful that Monday’s announcement is a sign that the League will ultimately make this suspension permanent so that fans across the country will have even more reason to celebrate.