

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Wertlieb,

We write to express our concern about the Charter Cable subscribers in the Berkshires who will be losing access to local news and broadcasting from WCVB, their Massachusetts ABC affiliate. According to recent reports, Charter Communications will no longer carry WCVB in its channel line-up starting in June. This move by Charter comes just a year after the cable system stopped carrying WWLP, the Massachusetts NBC affiliate that those communities had also been receiving. Without these stations, Berkshire residents lose access to Massachusetts specific information that matters to them, including Boston sports and news from their state capital, which is not reported on by an Albany station in New York.

We make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as these are contractual discussions between private parties. We encourage both parties to pursue good faith negotiations in this matter so that Berkshire residents continue to receive Massachusetts information, including emergency alerts, daily news and sports that matters to them. Consumers should not be caught in the middle.

We look forward to your prompt responses.

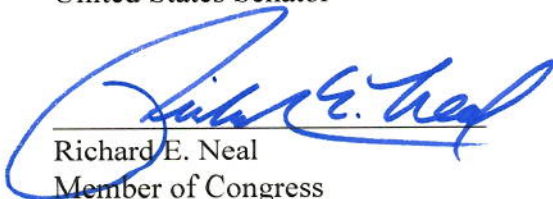
Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator



Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress