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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Sook:

We write to express concern about thousands of television viewers losing their access to the local programming they rely on every day. Massachusetts residents watch local television to stay up to date on weather and emergency information, monitor government proceedings that affect their families, and watch their favorite sports teams. Unfortunately, your viewers in Western Massachusetts have lost access to this resource due to a business dispute between your two companies. This is unacceptable, and your consumers should not be caught in the middle.

We urge both sides of this negotiation to continue working to resolve this issue so consumers can access all of the programming they rely on and have paid for. While we make no representations as to the merits of either side's position in this disagreement, we strongly encourage all parties involved to engage in good faith negotiations and end the current programming blackout as soon as possible. It is time to restore your viewers' access to the critical information and quality entertainment they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

Richard E. Neal

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