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The Hon. Mignon L. Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn,

I am writing to express my concern about the retransmission consent dispute between CBS and Time Warner Cable (TWC) that began on August 2, 2013, and to urge you to take any possible steps to move the two sides towards a new agreement. I want to ensure my constituents have access to the programs and services their families and businesses need.

Thousands of my constituents who use TWC as their cable provider have been without access to CBS programming on their televisions for more than three weeks. Though I make no judgment regarding the merits of either company's position in their current retransmission dispute, I am concerned about CBS's decision to block customers who receive internet service from Time Warner from accessing content online at CBS.com. Consumers have no seat at the table during these negotiations, and yet they bear the brunt of its effects as the companies attempt to leverage their positions.

My constituents who use Time Warner for cable and internet service are eager for CBS and Time Warner to bring this situation to a close, and it is my hope that all parties involved continue to act in good faith.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Israel", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Israel
Member of Congress