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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Madam Chairwoman,

As a Representative of the 11th District of New York, which contains Staten Island and Southwest Brooklyn, I am very hopeful that CBS and Time Warner Cable (TWC) can resolve their retransmission content dispute as soon as possible.

While I would like to stay neutral in these types of commercial contract disputes - and to the best of my knowledge I know both parties have acted in good faith on behalf of their subscribers and viewers - I am concerned by the recent action of CBS to block TWC broadband subscribers from accessing its programs online. While I appreciate the complicated nature of the commercial dispute between CBS and TWC for over-the-air viewing, I am deeply concerned that withholding Internet content by CBS is just a maneuver to advance its negotiating position. The households in my Congressional District who use TWC broadband, whether or not they also use TWC for their cable service, are denied access to CBS content on the Internet.

For the sake of my constituents who are TWC broadband subscribers, I hope both parties are able to resolve their current impasse as the only people who lose in this situation are innocent consumers. I strongly urge both parties to negotiate in good faith and resolve this situation quickly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Washington, DC office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Grimm
Member of Congress