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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
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Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I am writing to express my concerns about the ongoing retransmission consent dispute between CBS and Time Warner Cable.

As you know, Time Warner Cable video subscribers, as well as Time Warner Cable broadband Internet access subscribers, are experiencing blackouts of CBS content. While I have no interest in picking sides in this private contractual negotiation, I am concerned by the fact that consumers in my district in Upstate New York are being harmed by this ongoing dispute, including Internet users that want access to CBS programming online. As has happened during similar negotiations in the past, consumers are caught in the crossfire.

Many of my constituents are eager to regain access to this content. I urge you to encourage both parties to continue their negotiations and resolve their differences as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress