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WASHINGTON

September 30, 2014

The Honorable Marcia Fudge
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Fudge:

Thank you for your letter expressing your views on the Commission's pending proceeding regarding the sports blackout rule. I appreciate hearing your concerns regarding the Commission's proposal to eliminate the rule.

Please be assured that we have conducted an open and transparent proceeding to collect additional data, including comment on the specific issue you raised about whether games would remain available on over-the-air television if the rule were eliminated. Commission staff has reviewed the record and carefully considered all of the issues and arguments raised. Taking the record into consideration, the Commission unanimously voted today to eliminate the sports blackout rule at its Open Meeting.

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The Honorable G.K. Butterfield
U.S. House of Representatives
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Butterfield:

Thank you for your letter expressing your views on the Commission's pending proceeding regarding the sports blackout rule. I appreciate hearing your concerns regarding the Commission's proposal to eliminate the rule.

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The Honorable André Carson
U.S. House of Representatives
2453 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Carson:

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The Honorable Donna M. Christensen
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Christensen:

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The Honorable Yvette Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Clarke:

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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver
U.S. House of Representatives
2335 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515;

Dear Representative Cleaver:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Davis:

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Dear Representative Green:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kelly:

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U.S. House of Representatives
103 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Payne:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Rush:

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U.S. House of Representatives
208 Cannon House Office Building
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