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Ms. Diane Atkinson
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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

I have been contacted by Mr. Jim Roberts regarding the lack of access to New Orleans network affiliate broadcasts on his satellite television system.

Please give the views and concerns of my constituent every appropriate consideration within federal guidelines. Also, please investigate the enclosed information sent to me and provide me with a report responding to the issues raised in his letter. Your reply may be forwarded to the attention of Scott Payne.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,



JOHN BREAU
United States Senator

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Senator John Breaux

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This is not a form letter supplied by either Dish Network or Direct TV.

Please stop the politics. I live in Meraux, LA and do not have an opportunity to pick up the network feeds of CBS, FOX, and ABC. I do get a clear signal from the NBC station, but that's because their transmitter sits about 3 miles from my house.

I've been a Dish subscriber for almost 7 years now. Up until last month, I use to receive the east-west coast feed for network viewing. However, after moving into a new home and getting an upgraded system, the regulations concerning my ability to receive the east-west coast feed was stopped.

Stop being bought off by the lobbying folks for the local TV stations in a defined market. Why should they have the power to dictate what station I watch, whether it be WNBC in New York or KNBC Los Angeles, or WDSU New Orleans. What happened to freedom. I cannot watch anything now.

So, please approve the merger so I can at least see some local TV in New Orleans via my satellite.

It's a shame, Emmis Communications in Indiana is the stopping point for not allowing local stations to be aired on satellite.

Note: They own WVUE-TV (FOX) in New Orleans.

Look at the Direct TV local station lineups. Almost every major city now has local station transmissions via Direct TV service. Not New Orleans. I was going to switch my service from Dish to Direct, but no local service was available on Direct either.

As a taxpayer, stop this non-sense allowing big entertainment companies to dictate my options.

I'm ready to yank all of this stupid satellite stuff and go back to cable.

I'm sure this letter will go nowhere. In fact, is anybody out there or have I just wasted my time.

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