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Mr. Glenn A. Britt
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Dear Mr. Britt:

Sports are an essential part of North Carolina life. We are proud of our state's tradition of competitive and successful collegiate programs, and we are committed to sustaining and improving the universities and the athletic programs that mean so much to our constituents.

Essential to the continued growth and success of North Carolina collegiate athletics is the availability of local sports on local television. Many of our college programs have their games and coaches shows televised by MASN, an independent regional sports network serving North Carolina and 6 other states. North Carolina colleges are featured 30 times this basketball season on MASN, and more than 10 North Carolina football games were televised during the fall.

But while 700,000 North Carolina households currently get MASN from their cable or satellite provider, more than one million cannot, because Time Warner Cable refuses to carry MASN. Our local schools lose out on the exposure to their hometown audience. Ironically, these North Carolina games are televised on local cable in Washington and in Baltimore, but not in Raleigh or Charlotte.

The continued blackout of MASN by Time Warner Cable is hurting our sports fans, universities, alumni and athletes. I sincerely request that Time Warner Cable carry MASN on its basic cable system.

Sincerely,

Bill Owens
Representative

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