



*City of Raleigh*  
*North Carolina*

CHARLES MEEKER  
MAYOR

July 31, 2007

Mr. Glenn A. Britt  
President and CEO  
Time Warner Cable  
290 Harbor Dr  
Stamford, CT 06902

Dear Mr. Britt:

As one of the major markets in Time Warner's third largest coverage cluster, the City of Raleigh provides Time Warner with a significant customer base. Our residents include tens of thousands of passionate sports fans of all kinds including alumni, boosters, and supporters of North Carolina colleges and universities.

This year, Baltimore Orioles and Washington Nationals games are televised by the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network. Not surprisingly, because of its proximity, our area has a large contingent of Orioles and Nationals fans. Equally important to North Carolina fans, however, MASN carries 200 NCAA football, basketball, baseball and lacrosse games featuring local and regional college programs. North Carolina favorites like ECU, UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, NC State, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington and Wake Forest all have games televised by MASN along with an impressive slate of North Carolina coaches' shows.

For more than twenty years, this programming has been available to the citizens of Raleigh on basic-tier cable television. Unfortunately, it is my understanding this is not the case at present.

The growth and quality of life of our community are inextricably linked to the continued success and growth of our colleges and universities. These institutions are vital to the strength of our local economy and their athletic programs are an important part of the overall impact.

In short, the opportunity for promotion of our region's colleges and universities is an opportunity for the promotion of Raleigh and the greater community, as well. Broad and affordable availability of this programming is an unparalleled opportunity for such promotion and should, at a minimum, not be any more difficult to obtain than in past years.

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As Mayor, I want to strongly encourage Time Warner to reconsider its position and allow access to MASN on basic-tier cable television in North Carolina. It's the right thing to do for our citizens.

Sincerely,

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Charles Mecker  
Mayor  
City of Raleigh