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April 3, 2009

The Honorable Michael J. Copps
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
The Honorable Robert McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Copps and Commissioners Adelstein and McDowell:

The regional sports network, Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), is a local source for Major League Baseball as well as local North Carolina collegiate football and basketball programming throughout most of my state. MASN sought arbitration with the dominant cable provider, Time Warner Cable, under the FCC's 2006 Adelphia Order.

This arbitration is ongoing, and after several phases, I understand an application was filed in November 2008 for the full Commission's review of an order by the FCC's Media Bureau. When do you anticipate the Commission will act on this application? Also, when can we expect this arbitration to conclude?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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