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**Congress of the United States**  
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April 23, 2009

The Honorable Michael Copps  
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein  
The Honorable Robert McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Acting Chairman Copps and Commissioners Adelstein and McDowell:

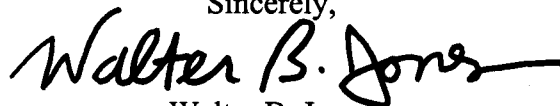
Sports are a special part of our identity in North Carolina. From our nationally-ranked NCAA programs to impressive programs at our smaller colleges and universities, North Carolinians embrace a rich history of athletic excellence. The NCAA Championship of the UNC men's basketball team is just the latest example of that proud tradition. It is because of that tradition, and an outpouring of concern by my constituents, supporters and officials at colleges and universities within my district, that I write to you today.

I understand that MASN, which televises Orioles and Nationals baseball, as well as North Carolina collegiate football and basketball programming, filed for formal arbitration in June 2007. After two separate independent arbitrators issued findings for MASN, Time Warner filed a petition for review of the arbitration award with the FCC in July of 2008. A few months later, the FCC's Media Bureau, acting on delegated authority, rejected Time Warner's petition for review. In a de novo review, the Media Bureau upheld the decisions of both arbitrators, concluding that Time Warner Cable had discriminated against MASN and again ordering immediate carriage to subscribers in North Carolina at MASN's proposed rates.

I understand that Time Warner's application for review to the full Commission has been fully briefed and the item has been circulated. On behalf of sports fans and the North Carolina colleges and universities whose games are televised by MASN, I would like to encourage you to act on Time Warner Cable's petition for review, so that this matter may finally be resolved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones  
Member of Congress