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Mr. Edmund Ansin  
President  
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Mr. Randall L. Stephenson  
Chairman and CEO  
AT&T (DirecTV)  
208 South Akard Street  
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Dear Mr. Ansin and Mr. Stephenson:

I write to express my concern about the impact your ongoing business dispute over retransmission fees is having on approximately 160,000 DirecTV subscribers in Greater Boston who have been left without their normal access to WHDH programming since July 16. When the Olympics begin this evening, such suspension of service will become even more serious for these customers.

I make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as these are contractual discussions between private parties. I encourage both parties to remain engaged in good faith negotiations. I am also requesting that the Federal Communications Commission take action to bring both parties together so these negotiations can be concluded in an equitable and expeditious manner. Consumers should not be caught in the middle.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey  
United States Senator