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Dear Mr. Sook and Mr. Stephenson,

We're deeply troubled by the news that millions of Americans recently lost access to broadcast channels owned by Nexstar. It is our hope that you will work in good faith to resolve this impasse as quickly as possible.

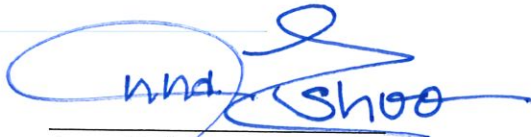
Broadcast blackouts are unfair to viewers. Americans are paying more than ever for cable and satellite television, but every time there's a blackout, viewers lose access to local programming. Unfortunately, this blackout isn't unique. There were 165 broadcast blackouts last year.

Broadcast blackouts should not be a negotiating tactic companies employ. They are a symptom of the larger problem of outdated and ineffective laws governing the television marketplace. The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, which governs much of today's television marketplace, was enacted when the world was a very different place—cable was becoming popular, satellite TV was nascent, and few had heard of the internet.

Despite this revolutionary transformation in the marketplace, the laws from 1992 remain on the books. And therein lies the problem. Laws that were intended to spur competition have outlived their usefulness and are now harming consumers and hampering innovation. This market is in dire need of comprehensive reform, and we are prepared to fix it.

We've long championed modernizing the media laws and regulations. In fact, we'll soon be introducing legislation that will reform this broken system, including better ways to address perennial blackouts. We hope you will support our efforts to modernize these laws, including the outdated 1992 Cable Act. Until we can enact a legislative solution, however, we hope you will continue good faith negotiations to relieve consumers from this impasse.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress



Steve Scalise
Member of Congress