

Sample Letter to Federal Representatives

Dear Member of Congress:

I've heard recently that some cable and satellite companies are complaining that they have to get permission from local TV stations to carry their channels. This just doesn't make sense to me.

Our local, broadcast television channels are critical to our community – providing the important news, weather and emergency information we depend on. In fact, local TV station personnel typically work around the clock during times of disaster to be sure we are informed, know how to stay safe and know when help is coming.

If cable and satellite companies are willing to compensate lesser watched cable channels, like Discovery or Outdoor, why wouldn't they be willing to compensate the channels that we watch most – my local broadcast TV channels?

From where I sit, it looks to me that this is another example of media giants putting profits ahead of consumers. I hope you'll stand up for your viewers and support our local TV stations. In addition to providing the news we need most, they also provide jobs in our community and a vital public service.

Sincerely,

Your Name