



New York City Comptroller
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LIU TO TWC, CBS: BLACKOUT IS PENALIZING NEW YORK’S FOOTBALL FANS

NEW YORK, N.Y. – A day before an important meeting on the issue, City Comptroller John C. Liu stated the following about the ongoing blackout of CBS:

“Because of the blackout, on Friday night, diehard New York Jets fans were deprived of the opportunity to watch their team’s first preseason game. It may not have meant much to TWC and CBS executives, but it sure meant a lot to the fans.

“If the blackout isn’t settled soon, fans will be deprived of even more football this coming weekend. With the opening day of college football and regular-season NFL rapidly approaching, we urge TWC and CBS to resolve their differences or, at least, resume transmissions of the broadcasts until that happens.

“The Franchise and Concession Review Committee meets tomorrow, and my representative will insist that FCRC take up the issue of whether TWC has violated its franchise agreement.”

Background

Comptroller Liu sits on the New York City Franchise Concession and Review Committee, which authorizes the television franchise agreement between New York City and Time Warner Cable and provides TWC access to New York City customers.

Liu: Administration Fails to Stand Up for New Yorkers, Pulls a No-Show at Important TWC-CBS Hearing
http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-08-151.shtm

Liu to Time Warner: End the Blackout Immediately
http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-08-145.shtm

Liu to Time Warner and CBS: Don’t Let Another Blackout Happen
http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-08-144.shtm

Liu to Time Warner: No More Saber Rattling
http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-07-141.shtm

Liu to TWC/CBS: Take the Threat off the Table
http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-07-140.shtm

Liu to TWC/CBS: Come Together Now
http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-07-135.shtm

Video release of Comptroller Liu's invitation to CBS and Time Warner Cable:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX1FYSsXPA&feature=youtu.be>

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