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# LIU TO CBS, TWC: COME TOGETHER NOW

## *Offers Boardroom, Staff to Help End Contract Flap*

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — With a deadline looming on the Time Warner Cable (NYSE: TWC)-CBS Corporation (NYSE: CBS) contract negotiations that could cause service disruption, City Comptroller John C. Liu is offering his boardroom as a venue and his staff as facilitators in order to help the parties iron out their differences.

“More than a million New York City TWC customers may experience a blackout of CBS and Showtime beginning tomorrow morning if an agreement is not reached, barring them from watching their favorite television shows even as they continue to pay for the programming,” Comptroller Liu wrote in a letter Wednesday to Leslie Moonves, president and CEO of CBS Corporation, and Glenn A. Britt, chairman and CEO of Time Warner Cable. “It is time to stop using the customers as leverage in these disputes. TWC and CBS must come together now. My office stands ready to host or assist in facilitating a meeting of the parties in order to help resolve this dispute quickly and without disruption of service.”

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.

### **Background**

Video release of Comptroller Liu’s invitation to Moonves and Britt:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX1FYsSsXPA&feature=youtu.be>

PDF of Comptroller Liu’s letter to them:  
<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/pdfs/letter-072413.pdf>

Earlier Liu statement on Time Warner Cable flap:  
[http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013\\_releases/pr13-07-132.shtm](http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-07-132.shtm)

NYC cable franchise map:  
[http://www.nyc.gov/html/doitt/downloads/pdf/franchise\\_territories.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doitt/downloads/pdf/franchise_territories.pdf)

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The full text of Comptroller Liu’s letter to Moonves and Britt follows:

Leslie Moonves  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
CBS Corporation  
CBS Headquarters  
51 W. 52nd Street  
New York, NY 10019-6188

Glenn A. Britt  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Time Warner Cable Inc.  
60 Columbus Circle, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10023

Dear Sirs:

As a member of the NYC Franchise Concession and Review Committee (FCRC), which authorizes the television franchise agreement between New York City and Time Warner Cable (TWC) and provides TWC access to New York City customers, I am concerned with news accounts that TWC and CBS Broadcasting (CBS) have failed so far to reach a programming agreement. With a deadline looming, more than a million New York City TWC customers may experience a blackout of CBS and Showtime beginning tomorrow morning if an agreement is not reached, barring them from watching their favorite television shows even as they continue to pay for the programming.

It is time to stop using the customers as leverage in these disputes. TWC and CBS must come together now. My office stands ready to host or assist in facilitating a meeting of the parties in order to help resolve this dispute quickly and without disruption of service. Please contact my special counsel Vanessa Champion at (212)-669-7389 if you choose to set up those arrangements.

Sincerely,

John C. Liu

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