

United States Senate

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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Mr. Lowell C. McAdam
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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Mr. Randy Falco
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Chairman Pai, Mr. McAdam, and Mr. Falco:

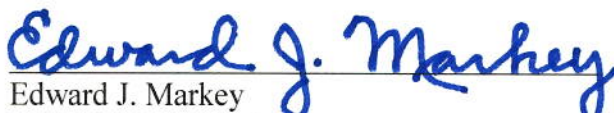
We write to express our concern about the ongoing retransmission consent dispute between Univision and Verizon. As of last week, Univision is no longer available on Verizon's FiOS platform.

This retransmission dispute is particularly serious in light of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico. As the situation in Puerto Rico changes, access to Spanish-language news programming is crucial. We believe the public interest would be best served if carriage is restored by the parties at the earliest possible time so that consumers are no longer caught in the middle.

We make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as they are contractual discussions between private parties. Nevertheless, we encourage both parties to engage in good faith negotiations to resolve this issue. We also request that the Commission take action to bring the parties together so these negotiations can be concluded in an equitable and expeditious manner. Consumers should no longer be unfairly disadvantaged as a result of this dispute.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

Bob Casey, Jr.

Robert P. Casey Jr.
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