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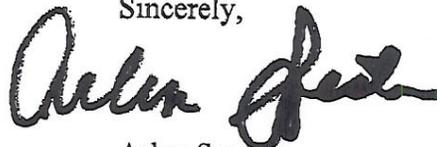
Mr. Roger Goodell
Commissioner
National Football League
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Commissioner Goodell:

I was pleased to learn that the NFL decided to allow cable companies serving my constituents who live outside the Designated Market Area surrounding Pittsburgh to carry the broadcast of last night's game between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. This decision appears to represent a step toward a reasonable policy that will benefit the NFL and respect the bond between teams and their regional fan bases.

I urge the NFL to adopt a similar policy with respect to the Thanksgiving Day game between the Eagles and the Cardinals and for the other four remaining NFL Network games. More generally, I would strongly encourage the NFL to broaden its definition of "participating team markets" to include the regional fan bases of the teams playing in NFL Network games. Such a decision would demonstrate a clear commitment on the part of the NFL to serving its fans via free, over-the-air television.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter