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Mr. Roger Goodell  
Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Goodell:

As stated in the letter signed by myself and members of the Connecticut Congressional Delegation to you of December 19, 2007, I remain concerned that little progress has been made to permit local television stations to carry the New York Giants versus New England Patriots game on December 29, 2007.

I received a letter from David Ward, Assignment Manager at WFSB, the CBS affiliate in Connecticut. In the letter Mr. Ward details a conversation he had with a representative of the NFL, Dan Masonson of the NFL's Media Relations Department in New York City. Mr. Ward states very clearly that WFSB meets the definition of a "home team television station" based upon the definitions provided by your representative. I would appreciate a response to Mr. Ward's claim that WFSB meets the definition of a home team television station, as stated in his letter to me. David writes:

*The NFL's official/traditional definition of a home team TV Station / Home Market: The station's signal penetrates within the 75 mile radius of the team's stadium.*

- *WFSB's coverage area penetrates well within 75 miles of Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA.*
- *WFSB's coverage area penetrates well within 75 miles of Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ.*

Furthermore, in conversations with Mr. Ward, he has expressed the CBS affiliate's interest in working with the NFL to accommodate broadcasting the much anticipated Giants-Patriots game. Mr. Ward, in communications with my staff, has stated that WFSB would be willing to clear its schedule to show the game so that fans across the State of Connecticut can enjoy what may be an historic match up.

Again, my goal is to help foster a dialogue that delivers a reasonable and expeditious resolution for the NFL fans in Connecticut. I appreciate your timely response and your consideration of this matter. Should you have any additional comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or my Chief of Staff Jason Gross at (202) 225-2076.

Sincerely,

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