

Senator Peralta Tells News Corp and Cablevision to "Leave Game-Playing to Yankees and Giants;" Prepares to Call Hearings if Programming Blacked Out

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State Senator Jose Peralta, chair of the Senate Consumer Protection Committee, released the following statement:

"Millions of New Yorkers are being held hostage in the retransmission consent negotiations between News Corp and Cablevision. On their behalf, I am asking News Corp and Cablevision to leave the game-playing to the Yankees and Giants and submit to binding arbitration if they cannot resolve their disagreement in time to bring Glee—and football, baseball and the Simpsons—to loyal fans.

"Rest assured, that, if millions of consumers lose access to programming on News Corp channels, I will call on both News Corp and Cablevision to appear before the New York State Senate Consumer Protection Committee, of which I am chair, to account for their abuse of consumers."