

**RESOLUTION OF THE 50 STATE BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, IN  
SUPPORT OF CONGRESS REEXAMINING THE SPORTS BROADCASTING ACT IN  
THE STREAMING ERA TO PRESERVE BROAD FAN ACCESS TO SPORTS  
PROGRAMMING**

Whereas the Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961 (SBA) was enacted to promote broad public access to sports programming while permitting professional sports leagues to pool broadcast rights in ways that supported competitive balance and nationwide reach;

Whereas for decades, free, over-the-air broadcast television has ensured that Americans in every community — regardless of income, geography, age or technological sophistication — could access sports programming without subscription fees or broadband requirements;

Whereas local broadcast television remains the only universally available video platform in America and continues to provide consumers with free access to sports programming, local news, emergency information, weather coverage and other essential public interest services;

Whereas sports programming distributed on local broadcast television reaches the broadest audiences and creates shared local and national experiences that strengthen communities and connect Americans across geographic, economic and political divides;

Whereas sports programming increasingly is fragmented and migrating behind streaming paywalls and exclusive digital distribution arrangements that require consumers to purchase multiple subscriptions, maintain reliable broadband access and navigate confusing platform exclusivity rules simply to follow their favorite teams and leagues;

Whereas the growing fragmentation of sports distribution disproportionately harms rural Americans, seniors, lower-income households and other consumers who may lack affordable broadband access, streaming devices or the financial ability to maintain multiple subscription services;

Whereas no one in 1961 could have envisioned a marketplace in which consumers would need multiple paid streaming subscriptions simply to follow a single sports league or team;

Whereas fans should remain at the center of the sports distribution system and that the public interest principles underlying the Sports Broadcasting Act should be preserved for future generations of American sports fans.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved this 11th day of May 2026, by the broadcaster associations named below, representing all 50 States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, that Congress review the Sports Broadcasting Act and examine whether increasingly exclusive sports streaming distribution practices serve the public interest and preserve broad fan access to sports programming.*



**Alabama Broadcasters Association**



**Alaska Broadcasters Association**



**Arizona Media Association**



**Arkansas Broadcasters Association**



**California Broadcasters Association**



**Colorado Broadcasters Association**



**Connecticut Broadcasters Association**



**Florida Association of Broadcasters**



**Georgia Association of Broadcasters**



**Hawaii Association of Broadcasters**



**Idaho State Broadcasters Association**



**Illinois Broadcasters Association**



**Indiana Broadcasters Association**



**Iowa Broadcasters Association**



**Kansas Association of Broadcasters**



**Kentucky Broadcasters Association**



**Louisiana Association of Broadcasters**



**Maine Association of Broadcasters**



**Maryland/D.C./Delaware (MDCD) Broadcasters Association**



**Massachusetts Broadcasters Association**



**Michigan Association of Broadcasters**



**Minnesota Broadcasters Association**



**Mississippi Association of Broadcasters**



**Missouri Broadcasters Association**



**Montana Broadcasters Association**



**Nebraska Broadcasters Association**



**Nevada Broadcasters Association**



**New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters**



**New Jersey Broadcasters Association**



**New Mexico Broadcasters Association**



**New York State Broadcasters Association**



**North Carolina Association of Broadcasters**



**North Dakota Broadcasters Association**



**Ohio Association of Broadcasters**



**Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters**



**Oregon Association of Broadcasters**



**Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters**



**Radio Broadcasters Association of Puerto Rico**



**Rhode Island Broadcasters Association**



**South Carolina Broadcasters Association**



**South Dakota Broadcasters Association**



**Tennessee Association of Broadcasters**



**Texas Association of Broadcasters**



**Utah Broadcasters Association**



**Vermont Association of Broadcasters**



**Virginia Association of Broadcasters**



**Washington State Association of Broadcasters**



**West Virginia Broadcasters Association**



**Wisconsin Broadcasters Association**



**Wyoming Association of Broadcasters**