



**Dutchess County Government
Putnam County Government**

March, 31, 2025

David N. Watson
President & Chief Executive Officer
Comcast Cable
170 JFK Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Mr. Watson:

We are writing to express our strong concern about Comcast's plan to remove the YES Network from its basic cable package as of midnight together, and to urge you to keep the channel live while negotiations continue.

Dutchess and Putnam Counties are home to thousands of Comcast subscribers who rely on your service to stay connected – not only to their communities, but to the teams and traditions they care about. While we understand that contract negotiations are a routine part of the business, prematurely pulling the plug on YES – while continuing to offer other regional sports networks, such as SNY on a separate and lower cost tier – raises legitimate concerns about fairness and consistency.

With baseball season just beginning, this decision would leave countless fans in the dark at the very moment they're most excited to reconnect with their teams. Local and regional networks like YES play an important role in keeping our communities connected – not just to sports, but to each other.

Forcing customers to pay an additional \$20 per month to continue receiving the YES Network, when other similar channels remain available without an upcharge, feels inequitable and could plan an unnecessary burden on families, especially during a time when many are already managing higher costs across the board.

We know Comcast values its role as a leading provider of connectivity and entertainment in our

communities, and we believe this is an opportunity to show that commitment in action. We believe there's a path forward that keeps YES available while negotiations proceed in good faith – without disrupting service or placing adding costs on your loyal customers.

We urge Comcast to consider the impact this move would have on local residents and to keep the YES Networking available during ongoing discussions. We hope that all parties can reach a resolution that prioritizes transparency and puts customers first.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sue Serino
Dutchess County Executive



Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive