

As a Digital Television user I have found that there is a conflict between DTV and the Syndex (Syndication Exclusivity) rules. The conflict is that when there is a national broadcast (via cable or DBS) of a show or event in High Definition and a local broadcast of the same show/event in Standard Definition. Due to Syndex, the HD broadcast is blocked and I am then forced to watch it in SD.

This provides no incentive for the local broadcaster to upgrade its equipment to HD since he has no HD competition. I strongly urge that the Syndex rules be modified so that a local SD-only broadcast will not block a national HD broadcast (the national SD broadcast would still be blocked). This provides incentives for both national and local broadcasters to upgrade their equipment and broadcasts to HDTV as soon as possible to retain or maximize their viewership.