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My name is Grant Neuhold, I'm the Executive Director of the Kiowa County Media Center.

The Kiowa County Media Center located in Greensburg, KS is a non-profit organization with a mission to engage, support and empower our communities with multimedia technology education and training. One of the most prominent ways we fulfill our mission is teaching sports broadcasting to both students and adults. We are heavily integrated into the Kiowa County school system working with students from 6th grade through Seniors. We provide an educational opportunity unlike most across the state training students in a high demand industry.

We take a lot of pride in the work we do in the ways of this education, but also in the ability to provide high quality coverage of our area athletes for fans local and all over the world. We all know that school pride is heavily focused around supporting the sports programs in our small schools. We also know that it's just not feasible for some people to travel to watch the teams play. In this day in age, it's amazing that we are able to bring those fans a courtside seat to watch the game and be able to be a part of the fanbase.

It's really disappointing to be able to do this for most of the season and then when the games matter most, we have to tell fans we can no longer be the broadcast provider for them. There will then be an education process on how to watch the games and that it will now cost them money. We've seen these broadcasts that are forced upon viewers without a doubt, the quality is not even close to what we have been doing for them all year. Why are we making it difficult for fans to watch their players by forcing them to watch it provided by a National organization that has no connection to the teams or players? We care about these kids and the outcomes of these games. The community cares.

By limiting our opportunities to provide coverage of teams in the postseason, you are limiting educational experiences for our students and you are limiting the fan experience for our communities to be able to follow their teams all the way through the end of the year.

It is my hope that you will be able to make the easy decision of allowing local broadcasters to do what we love so much, for the teams we love so much for when it matters to everyone the most.

Thank you.