

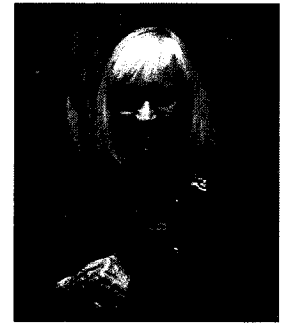
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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
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RE: In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Third Report and Order (MB Docket No. 05-311)

Dear Chairman Pai:

As the Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, I am writing in response to the FCC's Third Report and Order (MB Docket No. 05-311) regarding the way local franchising authorities regulate cable operators. In particular, I am concerned that the rulemaking could harm public, educational and government (PEG) stations, like the Town's own NHTV (Channel 18/63 on Optimum by Altice.) I am asking that you work to ensure that the interests of local programming are protected when adopting a final rule.

The Town's NHTV station provides informative, educational and entertaining programming for all the 225,000 residents within our borders. For cable viewers, the local franchising charge that shows up on their cable bills amounts to a few cents a month, but this fee produces great benefits to all the people who watch our station.

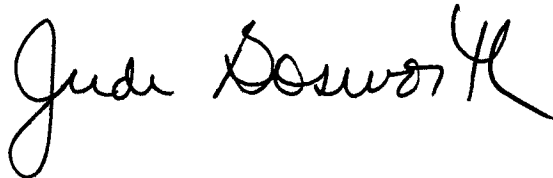
Under the Communications Act, local governments like North Hempstead can require as part of cable franchise agreements that cable operators meet demonstrated community needs by setting aside channels for PEG stations. I am concerned that the FCC's proposal would allow the cost of local channels to be deducted as an "in-kind" service from the franchise fees paid to local governments. This loss of revenue would result in a substantial reduction of the scope of the PEG channels or in their complete loss altogether.

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Given the importance of NHTV to our residents, I ask that the FCC work to protect the interests of municipalities like North Hempstead when adopting a final rule. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judi Bosworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "B".

Judi Bosworth  
Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead