

December 7, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

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RE: MB Docket No 05-311 In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

I am writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. I oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on my community.

Peabody TV is a valuable resource for the Higgins Middle School. Annually, PAT produces a quality, live broadcast of the school's Spelling Bee, which is hosted by the Peabody Education Foundation and the Northshore Mall. PAT also encourages the artistic efforts of students at our school.

The value of Peabody TV to our community is immense - providing timely information, local election coverage, live coverage of public meetings, an artistic video outlet, free media education for students and citizens as well as coverage of numerous cultural events.

This benefit for community engagement was what was intended when Congress set up the Cable Act. PEG Access does not solely benefit a local government or franchising authority: It benefits and strengthens the community as a whole.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as mine. I ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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