

December 18, 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

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*

We are writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. We oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

The Easton, MA Chamber of Commerce partners with our local community media organization, ECAT, on a monthly spotlight show for our local business. This medium is a great source of *free* exposure for our businesses and helps foster a healthy business climate in town. Additionally this increased exposure aids in the Chamber’s mission of increasing economic opportunities for its members. ECAT also films two large annual events that the Chamber hosts, which helps promote awareness and appreciation of the Easton area.

This benefit for people 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 ours. We ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,   
Kerri Nichols

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Easton Chamber of Commerce