

Date: Dec 3, 2019

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to express our concern about and disapproval of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *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*, MB Docket 05- 311.

I have been involved with Ashland Community Cable since 2005 as a producer. My shows, Dream Factory Community: Living Your Dreams and The Entrepreneurs Connection have been important platforms for sharing the good work of local entrepreneurs, politicians, and organizations, thus making a difference in the lives of peoples who are watching.

Working in this environment in filming and editing allows young adults to grow valuable skills that make them more marketable as they start creating their careers. The process of being interviewed and being public with one's commitments and values, allows for growth and development of everyone involved. Public access is a great tool that communities can offer. These opportunities for producing or being interviewed, develop self-confidence and greater communication and influencing skills.

This local presence enables the residents of our town to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG channels in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,  
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21-year resident of Ashland, MA

CC: The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner