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To: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, D.C.
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Re: 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; MV Docket No. 05-311; FCC 17-131.

May 23, 2019

I would like to submit comments regarding the FC notice of proposed rulemaking, seeking input on proposed changes that will significantly and negatively impact local public, educational and governmental (PEG) access stations. I request that cable companies not be allowed to deduct 'in kind' contributions from the 5% cable franchise fee paid to such stations.

In Williamstown, Willinet, our local station is an important source of ensuring that the public is informed about government affairs. It provides coverage of local government meetings, school committee meeting and programs provided by the local League of Women Voters about issues of public interest such as candidate forums and issue debates prior to elections and town meetings.

It also provides an opportunity for various non profit organizations to reach out to the public to share what they are doing to make the community a better place.

Any diminution of funds available to our PEG station will result in a less-informed citizenry. I urge the FCC to reject this request of the cable companies.

Sincerely yours,

Anne H. Crider