



July 23, 2019

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications
Commission 445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: 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, Third Report and Order - MB Docket No. 05-311

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing on behalf of the Chelmsford Public Library to state my concerns about the FCC's proposed Third Report and Order requiring Local Franchising Authorities to treat cable-related, in-kind donations as franchise fees and make them subject to the statutory five percent franchise fee cap.

This would be destructive to Chelmsford Telemedia (CTM) - the public, educational and governmental group that my library and my community depend on.

We rely on having virtually all our municipal meetings broadcast live and subsequently archived. This allows us transparent access to our government, especially for those that are mobility-challenged or otherwise unable to attend meetings. I often hear from library patrons how valuable this is.

Chelmsford Telemedia operates a robust TV/Media education program in collaboration with Chelmsford Public Schools and the Chelmsford Public Library. They teach students the skills to be proficient in this media age. Equally important, those students help provide high quality coverage of school sports, concerts and other educational programming to their peers, parents, grandparents and other community members. The library hosts a weekly storytime program that has been going strong for more than ten years.

CTM gives our citizens a platform to express their views to the greater community. In today's day and age, this communication channel is more important than ever.

The income loss that will be the result of this Order will force our town to divert resources away from core municipal, school and library services to continue to maintain existing PEG programming, or reduce the scope of PEG channels, or lose them altogether. These are not good choices.

The FCC appears to be off course on this decision and it does not seem to be in the public's interest.

Finally, it is my understanding that the contract our providers – Comcast and Verizon – signed with our town indicates that the proposed order is in violation of both the letter and the spirit of our contract.

I strongly urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Becky Herrmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Becky Herrmann, Library Director
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