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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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 to express my serious concern and disagreement with the FCC’s proposed Third Report and Order requiring Local Franchising Authorities (“LFA’s”) to treat cable-related, in- kind contributions as franchise fees subject to the statutory five percent franchise fee cap.

This change would be devasting to the PEG facility that I – and my community – rely 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.

Our PEG facility also operates a robust TV/Media education program in collaboration with Chelmsford Public Schools. 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.

Lastly, our access center is a vital conduit for current community information, discussion and education and gives our citizens a platform to express their views to the greater community. The need for, and the importance of that independent communication channel will never diminish and in fact, will likely grow.

The loss of revenue caused by the Order will force municipalities to either divert resources away from core municipal and school services to maintain existing PEG programming, suffer a dramatic reduction in the scope of PEG channels, or lose them altogether.

The FCC is a guardian of the public interest, yet the effects of this order seem to support cable providers rather than the public interest.

I strongly urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

Amy Totten

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