



Office of the City Clerk

April 10, 2019

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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2204

Dear Senator Stabenow:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Portage City Council in opposition to the Federal Communications Commission rewriting the 1984 Cable Act (Docket NR 05-311). The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0 on April 9, 2019.

Sincerely,

Adam Herring
Deputy City Manager I/City Clerk
City of Portage, MI 49002
(269) 329-4511



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Dear Senator Stabenow:

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Deputy City Manager / City Clerk
City of Portage, MI 49802
(269) 359-4211

City of Portage, Michigan

CITY OF PORTAGE

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE FCC CHANGES TO THE 1984 CABLE ACT

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, held at the City Hall in said City, on the 9th day of April, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Burns, Ford, Knapp, Pearson, Randall, Reid, Urban.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution offered by Knapp and seconded by Pearson.

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing to redefine a "cable franchise fee"; and

WHEREAS, such action will radically reduce the level of monetary support available to operate Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels across the United States; and

WHEREAS, PEG access channels provide coverage of the activities of government allowing transparency so citizens can be aware of and monitor local government actions which is vital to the health of democracy; and

WHEREAS, PEG access channels provide local content not carried by the broadcast industry in many communities nor is such content readily available in the increasingly under-served print media; and

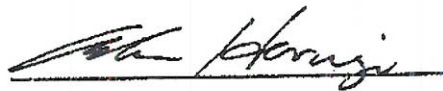
WHEREAS, PEG access channels not only help prevent "media deserts" in towns and cities across the US but also provide diversity of opinion at the local level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portage, Michigan, is petitioning Congress to prevent the FCC from rewriting the 1984 Cable Act which would financially starve local communities and our PEG channels in its rule-making.

YEAS: 7 (seven)

NAYS: 0 (zero)

ABSENT: 0 (zero)



Adam Herringa, City Clerk

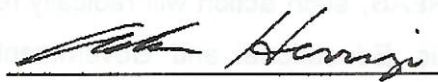
STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 9th day of April, 2019 the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature this 9th day of April 2019.



Adam Herringa, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

DATE 3/29/2017


CITY ATTORNEY