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Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
United States Senator
405 Lexington Avenue
41st Floor
New York, New York 10174

Dear Senator Moynihan:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Salvatore Musso, who is concerned about recent cable television system rate increases and the suggestion by some cable operators that these increases are a result of the Cable Act of 1992.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates and that the citation of the Act itself as an excuse for increases, even prior to the effective date of most of its provisions, is entirely inconsistent with Congressional objectives.

The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim period in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your and Mr. Musso's letters will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
United States Senate
405 Lexington Avenue
41st Floor
New York, NY 10174

Attention: Deborah A. Famighette

Dear Senator Moynihan:

Thank you for contacting our office on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Salvatore Musso, P.O. Box 135, Mastic Beach, NY 11951. Mr. Musso is concerned about the recently enacted Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992.

Your inquiry is being forwarded to the Chief, Field Operations Bureau for coordination with the appropriate staff at our headquarters office in Washington, DC. You should receive a response within the next 30 days.

Sincerely,

Alexander J. Zimny
Engineer in Charge

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3201

December 2, 1992

Mr. Kevin McKeon
Field Public Service Specialist
Federal Communications Commission
201 Varick Street
New York, NY 10014

Dear Mr. McKeon:

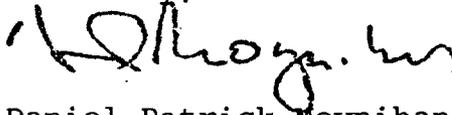
The enclosed inquiry is from a constituent of mine,
Mr. Salvatore Musso.

I would appreciate your careful consideration of these
remarks, and your thoughts on what remedies there may be for
this situation.

Please send me your written response in duplicate along
with the letter from my constituent to:

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan
405 Lexington Avenue
41st Floor
New York, New York 10174
ATTN: Deborah A. Famighette

Sincerely,



Daniel Patrick Moynihan

24 November 1992

U. S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan
~~733 Third Avenue~~
New York, New York 10017

re: Brookhaven Cable T.V.

Dear Senator Moynihan,

Is this a comedy or a tragedy?

The new FCC regulations promoting a rate increase?
(copy attached)

This is a letter of protest and a request for an
explanation.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,



Salvatore Musse
P. O. Box #135
Mastic Beach, New York 11951

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Important rate information inside.

Cable's still a great buy.

Cable television is one of the best entertainment values your money can buy.

As a valued customer, we want to inform you of some changes to your cable service. In 1992, our costs for programming, technology, and general operating expenses have risen more than the increase in the cost of living. In 1993, we are adjusting our rates by the cost of living index, plus cost increases from program suppliers. This will enable us to continue bringing you the quality service and entertainment you value.

Please refer to the back panel for the new rates and their effective date.

As you may know, Congress recently adopted legislation which extends greater regulation over cable television rates. The Federal Communications Commission is expected to adopt rate regulation guidelines and rules by mid-1993. Based on current information, we believe the rate adjustments we are taking are consistent with the provisions of the new law.

We regret we cannot yet answer all your questions on the new legislation until the FCC acts. We are committed to complying with the new rules – and doing all we can to make cable television programming and service even better.

1993 CABLE TV MONTHLY RATE HIGHLIGHTS

(Effective with your January '93 bill)

Basic Cable \$21.28 an increase of 78¢

Expanded Basic \$1.25 an increase of 25¢

HBO will increase 45¢ (applies to package prices and ala carte purchase).

Standard Aerial Installation up to 150 feet \$59.95 an increase of \$10.00

Reconnection Charge, Additional Outlet / FM Installation or Relocation Charge
\$39.95 an increase of \$5.00



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Pricing, programming and packages are subject to change.

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