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To: Federal Communications Commission

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Subject; Proposed Rules Change: *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](https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-131A1.pdf), and implementation of the [Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment](https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-133A1.pdf) policy

I am writing as a consumer of local cable television services. I oppose the proposed rules change that allows local cable operators to reduce local cable channel funding as an in-kind contribution, rather than a financial one. This proposed change interferes with local control over a local service and because the funding implications for our local Marshfield Cable Television station will jeopardize its continued existence. This station not only provides an outlet for covering local events and news that isn’t available through other sources. In addition, the station is located inside Marshfield High School and provides a training ground for students interested in journalism and media as a future career. Finally, it provides a vehicle for training local citizens in how to produce their own television programming.

The current regulations regarding funding do not serve as barriers to infrastructure investment. Rather, they allow communities to further issues dialogue within the local citizenry in ways that further civic engagement and build citizens’ skills and ability to communicate with each other on topics of shared concern. To consider the current funding structure as a barrier to infrastructure investment is a mistaken and outrageous interpretation of the facts on the ground.

Please do not try to fix something that isn’t broken. The long-term harmful local implications of this proposed rules change for our community should not be underestimated.

