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To whom it may concern,

This letter is written to shed light on the potential negative impact a change to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) policy would have on the students of the Plymouth Public Schools.

Over the past 10 years, I have had the opportunity to watch our media and television communications programs across the school district blossom. This would not have been possible without the support that has been made available through the current FCC regulations which allows communities to charge a cable tax to support community communication programming. I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand hundreds of students within our school system utilize the programs that this provision has allowed us to create. In education, our focus is to help foster a sense of creativity and develop skills that can help students attain their goals and be successful once they leave our school system. Our Educational Television Program, funded through the current FCC provision, has allowed our students to actively engage in opportunities focused on developing skills that build confidence and allow them to gain professional acumen that can lead them on a path to achieving their educational and career goals once they leave our school system. This program has given our students the opportunity to become part of programming that they otherwise would not have access to and has immeasurably impacted students by teaching them skills that they could not learn or be exposed to elsewhere. I invite you to visit the following website to view for yourself the incredible work our media and television communications students are doing as demonstrated evidence to the impact that this provision has had on our students and our school community as a whole: <http://www.plymouthedtv.com>.

In closing, K-12 education is continually searching for opportunities to enhance the lives of students by providing them with opportunities and experiences that they would otherwise not have access to. The structure of this model has made a significant impact on our students. If the current FCC provision changes, our students and community will lose a valuable resource to build educational opportunities for our youth. I urge you to please consider keeping this provision so we can continue to offer programs to our students that help build a new brand of responsible journalists and technical media minded youth.

Sincerely,

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