



Oct 16 (2 days
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**Soo
Porter**

I have been fortunate to use the facilities at ONTV and attended a class about producing a TV show, which was totally amazing and very educational. This resource is fantastic. During the summer months it offers excellent classes for school children who are interested in TV production. It gives them confidence and motivation and increases their creativity. For me the class on TV production which I attended was phenomenal and it has certainly added extra value to my life and my career. In addition to the classes they offer, they also work hard in the community, reporting on local events which if not for ONTV would possibly go un noticed. They work with the local schools and help the children within them. ONTV is a crucial part of Lake Orion's community.

Hope this is what you need Ian.

Best wishes

Corey Gott
Design

Oct 16 (2 days ago)

To FCC,

Orion Neighborhood Television (ONTV) has been around for quite awhile. I remember having access to the station over 20 years ago when I was a kid, and just thinking how cool it might be to work in that type of industry. Fast-forward 20 or so years, as I've been contemplating some career changes as of late, I had the opportunity to learn about video/studio production, editing, and even podcasting due to the extremely inexpensive, yet resourceful programs that ONTV offers, without having to spend thousands upon thousands and years worth of time going back to school, to at least get a little bit of experience and try something new. Not only after the classes are completed, we as volunteers are given free reigns to be creative with whatever shows or programs we want to create in the future, as well as volunteer for other events ONTV covers going on in the community.

Outside of the programs and resources available, if ONTV loses their funding, I'm assuming that presses a few great people out of their jobs as well, including opportunities for others moving forward.

ONTV not only covers a ton of our own local events, but it is an awesome resource, for young and old, who may want to jump-start a career, start something new, or just have a new creative outlet, and might not have the money or resources to do it on their own.

I highly advise against passing anything that would affect ONTV's funding, or any other public access station. I wish for the best outcome for all involved, but I'm assuming there are different steps that can be taken.

All the best,

Corey Gott

**Andrew
Moss**

Oct 16 (2 days ago)

My name is Andrew Moss and I was an intern for Lake Orion's ONTV station in the summer of 2018 and believe that my experiences at the TV studio has made me a better filmmaker and has positively impacted the Lake Orion community. ONTV has allowed me to have hands on experience with film equipment that even college universities don't have the funds for, leading me to believe that the only way interested filmmakers can have the chance to use this valuable equipment is to continue to fund ONTV. With the live broadcasts of community events like the "Jubilee" and the "Dragon on the Lake", a small TV studio has allowed an entire town to experience events around their community in case they weren't able to go. The community of Lake Orion supports and loves their TV station and would be devastated if they lost their only way to catch up on what is happening in their very own town!

Sincerely,

executivedirector@loveincfnoc.org

Oct 17 (1 day ago)

To whom it may concern:

We here at Love INC of North Oakland County would like to let you know that ONTV and Community television make a strong and vibrant community. ONTV provides an avenue to reach our local communities with stories that are important. It is through ONTV that we learn about all of the wonderful things that are going on in our communities and it allows us to put a face to a name. We can see our neighbors and learn about how we are all making an impact in this wonderful community of ours. Through this medium, we are able to seek out like minded individuals and also learn about our differences and how we can all work together. ONTV helps to foster relationships in the community that help us to make an impact. Community television is a wonderful way to work together.

Grace & Peace

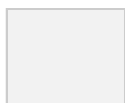
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**Eric Don
Bosco**

Oct 18 (6 days ago)

to
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Take this as my testimonial:

"Public access stations, and Orion ONTV specifically, have been beneficial to me and the community. They are generous with their time and passionate about what they do. I am learning new skills and have access to classes and workshops I would be breaking the bank to obtain elsewhere. It's a place where you can learn in a classroom setting and the field. Lake Orion is a beautiful town and to see one of its main staples for so many years go away would be a tragedy.
-- Eric B."

**Tracy
Cichecki**

Oct 18 (6 days ago)

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To whom it may concern,

As a product of the 80's- "I WANT MY ON TV".. An incredible amount of talent was suppressed in the birth of MTV. Although it blossomed, it was a challenging road. Public tv is just that- public. No discrimination of race, age, religion, social status, or sexual orientation. A place where creativity, talent and natural abilities can flourish. "WE WANT OUR ONTV"

Thank you ,

Tracy Cichecki

**john
lines**

Oct 18 (6 days ago)

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Ian Locke,

As a longtime member of the Orion Township community, the ability to have public access available has many wonderful benefits. First of all, it affords the community to have access to information about the community that would otherwise not be available. Not only can you be kept up to date about news in the community but also what is happening with the local schools, local sports programs, beneficial health programs, etc. It also enables members of the community to create programs on their own that provide interest to the rest of the community, i.e. travel programs to various parts of the world, local Michigan destinations, etc. And, for many of our elderly citizens, it provides a means for them to have the ability to keep abreast of community happenings through programs provided by ONTV.

If the funding for ONTV were to be eliminated, our community would lose a valuable entity that is enjoyed by many. Just having area commercial channels would not service the needs of our community.

So hopefully, the FCC rules change can be stopped in the Michigan House.

Thank you,
John Lines

ONTV has played an irreplaceable part in our community as long as I can remember. Over the years, they have hosted candidate debates for those running for local offices even fielding questions by phone from TV viewers as well as following local sporting events. They have held interviews of local politicians and community leaders who can express their views directly to the Orion audience. They film coverage of the Orion Township and Village of Lake Orion governments board meetings and other meetings which most area residents do not have the time in their schedules to attend. They have hosted many talk show type programs where the Orion citizens can watch and listen to local leaders points of view on topics that will affect their and their families daily lives. Repeating these programs at various times so that all people can fit watching them into their busy schedules. Filming the local fireworks show and interviewing me as the President of the Lake Orion Fireworks Association and my Board members so that we can explain how we raise the money to put on the Dueling Fireworks display which is rated as #14 in the Country! Because of this exposure by ONTV LOFA has been able to raise the necessary funds for the Show to celebrate our Country's independence! The events that they cover are too numerous to mention but it goes without saying that their coverage has made the Orion Community one of the best to live in bar none!

Carl

Lake Orion Fireworks Association

Carl A. Cyrowski, Pres.

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ONTV and community television is important to Oxford Orion FISH. Oxford Orion FISH is a Non Profit Food Pantry serving Addison, Oxford and Orion Townships and Villages. ONTV conducts an annual Food Drive where food is collected and donations can be made directly at the studio. This event, covered by ONTV, communicate the need to address hunger within our community and generate over 5,000 - 8,000# of food and monetary donations that is given directly back to the needy by Oxford Orion FISH.

We are grateful for ONTV that generates this awareness to our community and increases the outreach of Oxford Orion FISH.

Randy Gower
Treasurer, Oxford Orion FISH
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From: **A S** <Utsnia@live.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 12:12 AM

Subject: ONTV Testimonial

To: "tmarsh@orionontv.org" <tmarsh@orionontv.org>

I just dashed this out over a few minutes. Hope this helps:

I have been a volunteer at my local public access station since 2011. Orion Neighborhood Television has been open to and encourage my love of broadcasting and filmmaking when no one else in Michigan's film industry would. They have a program which allowed students to gain membership automatically once they passed a film and broadcasting class in Lake Orion High School. My public access station has been a vital part of my community, covering local sports events, featuring student plays and short films, and giving the people the power to express themselves in a welcoming environment. It doesn't matter what political affiliations one belongs to, under ONTV, we are all volunteers, and that's all that matters to us. I need my community television, my town needs community television.

Ava Wagner

<doubleagentava@gmail.com>

Oct 21 (3 days ago)

to
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OnTv is something that is well worth the funding they are given. I've participated in film festival two years and done classes there, it's a great learning space. It gives teens a chance to work on skills where they might not get a chance to other wise. They take internships and send people off into successful careers, work on projects and show them off to the public. They show events happening in town, showcasing school events and awards given to students and adults alike. I love coming there and doing projects and camps in the summer, I've gotten a lot better with what I do thanks to them. They are a hard working team of people, they provide a place for people of all ages to come and practice our right to free speech. They should not be cut in funding, it's important to have a public news and other programs to show what's happening in lake Orion. We've had this place here for years, I would hate to see it go down the drain. I've known these people and they have helped my mom with her work and me on editing and filming skills. Me and my friends love to be there participating, it means a lot to have an opportunity to show our films at the Oxford 7 among other things. On TV should not be cut for funding, it's a good use of the money and they provide a needed service that helps a lot of people.



Oct 21 (3 days ago)

Chuck Haskin
<cchaskin@yahoo.com>

to
me

To Whom May Concern,

I'm writing to you on how important OnTV is to our local VFW Post 334. Each year we work with OnTV during the year to develop a programs that will be broadcast within the Lake Orion Community to alert them what programs that are coming up. Lake Orion is a small town, without a local TV station. The major TV stations and newspapers do not cover the activities occurring in the Lake Orion area. This is a major void that OnTV fills in for us. Examples of activities they cover for us: Annual Buddy Poppy drive in Lake Orion, as well as activities occurring at the Orion Veteran Memorial: Memorial Day, the National Day of Prayer, 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony and Veterans Day.

Without the Lake Orion ONTV, we would not be able to reach out to the Lake Orion Community and let them know know what, when and where activities are going on.

Sincerely yours,
Charles C Haskin
VFW Post 334 Quartermaster

October 19, 2018

Orion Neighborhood Television
1349 Joslyn Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360

To Whom It May Concern,

Pocket Parables Media has been reaching the community with our shows and films because of the availability we have through public access television. We have created children's programs, marriage and family programs, short stories and full-length features. We have also done annual musical programs that have been seen around the world via internet websites and the public access channel at ONTV.

Some of our shows are being used to help teach English as a Second Language to pastors. We have received letters of marriages being saved, suicide prevented, and a life given to Christ because of shows created at ONTV Public Access Television.

All our work is done by volunteers in the community; from our scripts, acting, camera work production and editing. Our volunteers have learned all this from ONTV Public Access television.

Public access is a right of the people. We have the right to create programing, to broadcast programs and learn how to use public television equipment.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS ACCESS AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE! It allows for religious freedom, and public creativity that network and cable television does not.

Sincerely,

Pastors Kevin & Shari Stephens
1690 Ledbury Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Alaina Thuss

<alaina.t@icloud.com>

Oct 21 (3 days ago)

to
me

My ONTV Testimony

ONTV has given me and people in this community and surrounding communities great opportunities in many different areas! I have only been active in ONTV wild wood film festival for 2 years but I really want to keep doing it. It has given me and my friends opportunities to grow together, we became closer as a team and we learned to work better together! We have all learned something from the experience we have been given and these life experiences can effect what we do when we're older! I really love getting together with my friends to film and edit and hope too be doing more in the future. Without ONTV, we would learn about filming and ultimately lose interest we would also not be as close as we are today! We continue too look forward too the next time we will be able too participate in an ONTV activity!

ack Penzien

<zpenzien@yahoo.com>

Oct 21 (3 days ago)

After i graduated college I interned at ONTV in Lake Orion. It not only helped me sharpen my newly acquired skills in graphic design it gave me absence of hope and purpose while I looked for work in my field. But I also saw how positive the effect on the community was.

The retired people were always happy to come in and make things for the community and share their knowledge and talents.

I saw the ONTV staff film events burn disks for people who were home bound and unable to attend.

Public access tv is nothing but a positive force that bring the community tougher and should be protected from the

corporations looking to amass power over the air ways we paid for.

To Whom it may concern,

I'm writing today in support of ONTV and the many different ways they support the Orion Community.

Personally, I've had the pleasure of working with ONTV to create PSA's for the events I help put on working with the DDA in the Village of Lake Orion. Every experience I've had with the staff has been an absolute pleasure. I've found them all to be knowledgeable and responsive, giving their best to help me look my best on camera.

My son, Garrett, is also currently taking their Video Production class and he absolutely loves it! I can't begin to express the joy I feel when he comes home from one of his classes, laughing and smiling because he's had so much fun. In fact, just this week, he was able to be a part of their sixth annual Wildwood Film Festival and we saw his movie projected up on the big screen at the Oxford Theater. To see pure, unadulterated joy coming from an 18-year-old is an awesome and precious gift, and for that reason, I sincerely believe the funding for ONTV needs to be secured.

ONTV is an integral part of the Orion Township, giving an opportunity to the people, businesses, and organizations to

use their voice and share what they love. Please vote to support ONTV so they can continue to support the Orion Community.

Thanks for your time,

Sincerely, Pam Belding

Administrative Coordinator for the Lake Orion DDA

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office@downtownlakeorion.org

George Sinnott
2352 Canoe Circle Drive
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October 17, 2018

To: Senator Gary Peters

I am writing this letter requesting that you work with the FCC to modify the implementation of the proposed ruling that effectively takes away local control of public Rights of Ways (ROW). It is also known as the FNPR on Cable Franchise Fees. The current model allows local governments to control not only who uses these ROW's, but to charge a small fee for use of these public lands. FCC's proposed ruling eliminates the ability for a local municipality to not only control who and what is placed in their ROW's, but to greatly reduce fees that would be charged to these For Profit corporations and to open the door allowing the communications companies to charge whatever they deem appropriate to local municipalities to use their networks.

The fees generated by charging these For Profit corporations are currently used by local government to provide a host of services to local communities. Included in these services are funding for education, and local access television. Local access television provides a host of services to the local community, these include:

1. Education in broadcasting at the local high school and community level
2. Local sports broadcasting
3. Local news
4. Local government meetings
5. High School sports
6. Training of local people in vidiography and radio
7. Sponsor many community events giving to local charities
8. And many others

It is our understanding that Senator Ed Markey and his staff member Bennett Butler are taking the lead on this issue so I request that you work with them allow our communities to control their own environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

George J. Sinnott

To whom it may concern,

Recently I have heard several reports about what the state and the FCC has done in terms of cable funding throughout the state and the country. I am very concerned about the possible cut of funding to television shows who use public access. I do not want to see that happen nor should it happen. I ask that the state take a look at the impacts of their decisions.

I am thankful that our senators voted no in the state senate on the awful bill SB637 which (while it ends the right of way funding) essentially calls for the elimination of public access throughout the state. It is very disappointing that our state senate decided to pass this bill by two votes. Now it goes to the state House, I ask those who are in the state house to look at the bill, understand how much it impacts public access, and turn it down.

It is very disappointing to see that the FCC does not support public access when it came to the NPRM on cable companies. It is very sad to see all of this politics occur in the FCC. There has been a lot of anger and disappointment towards them as of late and rightfully so. I don't believe Mr. Pai has ever watched a public access show in his life. If he did, he would not have allowed this to happen.

Several members of congress, our senators, our house members, our supervisors, and many others have been on our public access station ONTV out of Lake Orion. The station has garnered several awards and is one of the top public access stations throughout the state and the country. ONTV also has encouraged our citizens and community to come in, produce, and hosts shows that many people tune in and watch. I do not understand why our respective governments (state and federal) would want to eliminate this funding. Is our goal, inclusion? Don't we want to have as many people involved in something as much as possible? Getting rid of public access funding will not only limit, it will eliminate the options of those in respective communities to have the opportunity to host their own shows, their own podcasts. Public access is very popular in Lake Orion, it is not a surprise that our township and community opposes anything that negatively impacts ONTV.

I am someone who uses ONTV on a regular basis, as both a host and a producer. I co-host a sports television talk show with my brother Sammy Taormina and good friend Ian Witherspoon called Between Taorminas. This show has had several guests come on including well known Oakland Press Journalist Pat Caputo, Oakland University Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe, and Oakland University Women's Basketball Jeff Tungate among others. The show has won several awards and we are on our way to hosting 300 episodes. Since then, both my brother and I have two of our shows, History Now (which focuses on teaching those about history), OAA Now (which covers teams throughout Oakland County), and have hosted several Lake Orion sports preview shows (Football, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball). We have also been a part of Ian's Fantasy Football show and also the FISH Drive which allowed our community to come together and donate food. We would not have this experience without ONTV and the people in it. If the government (both state and federal) decides to eliminate this funding, it will be

the end of not just our shows but an end to an outlet that allows so many people to use in order to express their creativity and viewpoints.

I ask that the both the state and federal governments decide to retain having companies pay franchise fees. It allows public access shows to keep on the air. It allows people, conservative and liberal, republican and democrat, boy and girl, people with and without disabilities, it allows a chance for people who are on Fox, NBC, ABC, etc an opportunity to produce, host, and direct their own shows free of charge. Please do not allow this to be taken away. It would be a big disservice. ONTV is a major part of Lake Orion. Do not take it away from us.

Anthony Taormina

Co-Host Between Taorminas

Host History Now

Host Lake Orion Football Preview Show, Lake Orion Boys and Girls Basketball Preview Shows

rom: Brian Farstvedt <bfarstv@bgsu.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 1:47 AM

To: Roger Smith

Subject: Campaign Letter

My name is Brian Farstvedt, and I am a Freshman at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Last summer, I graduated from Lake Orion High School, after having had been involved in my school's Television Production Workshop course for two years, in addition to years of work with the local broadcasting channel of Lake Orion, ONTV. I can say that these two programs have impacted my life like almost no other institutions ever have, and they have set me on a course that has altered my life in the greatest of ways.

As a lover of videography and writing, I picked up the hobby of creating scripts and filming short video skits on my dad's camcorder at a young age; I knew fairly early on that I wanted to be a filmmaker in some regard. However, growing up in Lake Orion, proved to be tough when it came to pursuing my interests. Throughout my middle school career, I had no outlet to work creatively; never did I have a class in school designed for filmmaking, videography, broadcasting, or most media sources of any kind.

When I began my Freshman year at LOHS, this changed entirely. Lake Orion proved to have a well-run, accessorized video program, one which accepted first-year students with introductory broadcasting courses, and one which offered video and film courses of many assortments. Over my four years in high school, I ended up taking nearly every possible video class at LOHS, in order to fully immerse myself into filmmaking as possible; needless to say, it worked. Roger Smith, who leads the video program at Lake Orion, is one of the most intelligent and down-to-earth individuals I have ever met, and he leads Lake Orion's video courses as a bold and helpful mentor. His offering suggestions and constructive criticism at student work proved to be essential in my growth as a filmmaker; the program gave me nothing if not opportunities to follow my passions and to progress my skills and abilities as a videographer. I am forever grateful for the lessons I have learned from Roger and the countless hours I spent in the LOHS video classroom, where I would remain many hours after school to edit draft after draft of videos for homework, for the school news program, or just for my own interest.

Lake Orion's video program is fantastic is because it captures the interest of LOHS' entire student body, which numbers well over a few thousand. Every day, when our Television Production class would go on air to broadcast our live news program, students from across the building would watch silently with the upmost respect for the

show. Often, following a live stream, I would be offered suggestions from other students as to what the audience wanted to see more of on our program, which leads me to believe that many individuals are invested in our work. Students would often hold their breath when they would see our program's set for the first time, or curiously wander around our editing suites, with our program's efficiency peeking interest. The Lake Orion student body continues to love their broadcasting program, as evidenced by the growing number of students that are becoming involved with the video programs in recent years.

Lake Orion's program has continued to grow as the years have gone on; over five hundred students have been a part of our Television Production Workshop class, and just last year, we were admitted to the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's Hall of Fame for broadcasting. With our freedom to have students be equipped with the tools necessary to create quality work, we delivered results, and Roger Smith has always directed the individuals involved with the program to produce the best work possible, while furthering our skills and abilities as video students. Nothing is more valuable than the wisdom that has been inherited through the program for many decades.

LOHS' video courses often teamed up with ONTV, Lake Orion's fantastic public television organization, through weekly video shoots and live streams that allowed students to gain experience while working as part of a broadcasting crew to deliver a product to the community. ONTV has always been quality in its work, and has held a huge role in helping to get youth interested in the video field throughout the past few years. By holding local film festivals open to children and adults alike, hosting courses for youngsters to get involved in filmmaking, and providing charitable donation opportunities to a local teen suicide prevention program, ONTV has done a great job in provoking a change in their town, and standing up for a positive image for children. I have always enjoyed being involved with ONTV, and I am always astounded by the sheer joy of the individuals who work at the institution, who are nothing if not happy to give something of value to their community.

With the combined experience I have gained from Lake Orion's video program and ONTV, I was accepted into the Film Production program at Bowling Green State University in my first semester as a college student, and throughout the first seven weeks of classes, I can safely say that most of what I have "learned" as a university student was already taught to me by Roger Smith. I feel extremely prepared to further my studies as a film student, and I believe my experiences in Lake Orion have given me a head start over my peers; the programs that I devoted so much of my time to have truly benefitted me in a way I cannot describe. I am just one of thousands of individuals touched by the freedom of video programs in Lake Orion, and though not all of their

voices may be heard, I wish that my words will be heard by someone who is willing to listen.

Someone who sees a positive environment that must be maintained, not destroyed.

Hello!

My name is Kylie Barber and I am currently a senior at Central Michigan University studying Broadcasting & Cinematic Arts with a minor in Marketing & Journalism. Where I am today would be a lot different if I hadn't had the amazing opportunities Lake Orion High School and Orion Neighborhood Television offered me so early on in my career.

Lake Orion High School's Television Production Workshop class I took my senior year is what made me not only fall in love with this career path, but the experience I gained led me to have a huge advantage over my fellow classmates at Central. During this class you had access to everything you needed to create a successful newscast and the ability to be creative with your content. Every day we would have a daily live newscast where you would have a responsibility every show. This could be anchor, camera operator, producer, floor director, director, host of a special segment, graphics, audio, Assistant Director, and so on. There was always room to improve, and the access to updated equipment for students made this possible.

When I got to Central my freshmen year, a lot of students I met didn't even have a news show at their high school. Many of them had never touched a camera let alone been in front of a camera. This shocked me. I ended up auditioning for an anchor spot for News Central 34 the campus news station where a lot of upperclassmen and professors told me that freshmen never land a spot. I took this as a way to practice for future auditions, but to my surprise landed an anchor spot on Friday evenings for the fall semester and Monday Wednesday anchor for spring semester. I was the second freshmen ever to land a spot.

I say this because without my experience in high school this most definitely wouldn't have been possible. After my freshmen year I moved onto reporting my sophomore year and also had an incredible experience at Orion Neighborhood Television in the summer of 2016.

The summer entering my sophomore year a friend of mine, Kendall Ashman, also a former classmate in the TPW class, decided that although we weren't eligible to apply for internships, we still wanted to continue to work on our broadcasting skills. This led us to Orion Neighborhood Television to create and co-host a summer talk show known as Livin' Live where we produced three 30 minute episodes featuring community news around Lake Orion and also doing special personality profiles. Since the executive producer Ian Locke knew we had went through the TPW class he knew the skills we had and allowed us complete freedom to create this show the way we pictured it. Creating this show became a huge hit in our community bringing the station many views, shares on Facebook, and views on YouTube and eventually went to win awards at the Michigan Association of Broadcasters in March of 2017 for an Honorable Mention in the Talk Show/ Scripted Show category and at the ACM-CS Philo Festival of Media Arts for Best Series Program in October of 2017. To this day Kendall and I still have this experience on our resumes and it led us to get our foot in the door for internships our junior and senior year of college.

Continuing to have PEG programming is a must to prepare students for college and to get them involved with their broadcasting careers early. Like I said, a lot of high schools don't have a newscast class or public access channels in their community and it can put them behind. Lake Orion's

newscast has been the best in the state for the past 9 years and continues to make a difference in students lives, Thank you.

Kylie Barber

ResLife Fitness Team Leader

Former 9&10 News & MACTV Network Intern

4K For Cancer Alumni '17

Broadcasting & Cinematic Arts Major

Marketing & Journalism Minor

Central Michigan University '19

Oxford/Orion FISH

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

October 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Locke and the staff of Orion Network TV,

When we heard that funding for ONTV may be in jeopardy because of a recent FCC rules change and a bill moving through the Michigan House, we unanimously agreed at our last Oxford/Orion FISH Board of Directors meeting to give voice to the voiceless. The voiceless we are referring to are the 400 individuals who are struggling daily to feed themselves and their children and rely exclusively on our food pantry to help fight the hunger insecurity they face every day right in their own homes and apartments in our neighborhoods. ONTV has been making a huge difference in their lives.

These are not individuals looking for a convenient supplement to their shopping needs. These are some of the most needy individuals in our community struggling to make ends meet while living in one of the most affluent counties in Michigan. They are near or at the bottom of the economic ladder, a fact we attest to uncompromisingly in our annual reviews of our clients' finances and living environment. Our clients rely on our help to feed their children. And thanks to your support through ONTV's annual “5 or 5 Community Food Drive” and other ONTV local events, we have been able to be there for them and help them. Over the past eight years, your annual food drives alone have collected more than 30,000 pounds of food for our clients and families in need. Our community's response to their struggles have brought some of our clients to tears when they come to shop at the pantry. It's you and ONTV who alert our community to our clients' struggles and needs. It's you who rally community support that leads to action. You do what network television does not do. You give our community a voice.

Just as significantly, through your open-door invitation to everyone to come to the ONTV studio on the days of the drives and “be community” for our neighbors in need, you are manifesting the most fundamental quality that makes a strong and vibrant community possible: togetherness. Everyone is welcomed to be there.

Mr. Locke, you and your staff truly help make us one as a community. You bring us together. The rich and the poor, the young and the old, white collar or blue collar, you bring us all together

and give us a chance to build relationships. You challenge us to look to the needs of the other guy, especially our neighbors in need. You use the communications platform you've been given to truly support us as a community.

Our clients can't tell you what a difference you are making in their lives through your community coverage. But we can. We are a better, closer, more caring community because of your presence, your voice and your leadership. You are bringing more than food to our neighbors in need. You are bringing the hope that their future will be brighter than their past, thanks to a community that knows and cares about them and rallies to support them. Can there be a greater value in community television?

You do care. And you have a voice. That's why we need you here. We are so grateful for this chance to thank you for all you have given us, our clients and our community. God willing, that support will always be there.

With an abundance of thanks,

Laurene Baldwin, President
Oxford/Orion FISH Board of Directors

From: Kathryn Havrilla <khavrilla94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 1:53:14 AM
To: Roger Smith
Subject: FCC Letter

(Mr. Smith - Hi!! Hopefully this works! Let me know if you need me to specify anything more (do you need me to specifically mention Lake Orion?) , or if I need to cut it down. I know it's a little long. Hope all is well!!)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to express my concern over a declaration that would stop PEG or Franchise Fees. Currently, I work as a television news producer. Without the services that PEG fees help fund, I would not be where I am today.

These fees helped fund my high school's broadcast television program, which served as a type of vocational and technical/trade school class for me. It taught me hands-on skills for my future career while in high school, which many do not receive until later in college. The program helps teach teenagers how to be self-starters, how to work as a team, and gives strong public speaking opportunities -- skills valuable in any job.

I also spent time working with my local public access station, which also benefits from these funds. I learned even more crucial and unique skills during my summer internship, but I also got to experience a new side of my community. Public access centers help communities stay connected with things such as various board meetings and other city events. It lets people be part of their town in a brand new way -- whether it's tuning into a township board meeting, or learning how to film and edit a show.

A few dollars on a bill seems like a simple cut, but it could impact generations of learners. This community's story is much like many others that could also be affected.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Kathryn Havrilla

Pastor Eric Johnson

<pastoreric@kofklo.org>

1:59 PM (35 minutes ago)

to
me

My statement:

I am grateful for the service ONTV provides to the Orion community. Being in a large metropolitan area, information vital and specific to the Orion community does not typically make on to our for profit media outlets. ONTV stands in the gap for us and it would be a tremendous loss should community television providers like ONTV lose their funding.

Rev. Eric Johnson
King of Kings Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Lake Orion, Michigan
(248) 693-1676

Holy Spokes

2:54 PM (34 minutes ago)

Hello,

We are a small locally run non-profit in Lake Orion, Michigan called Holy Spokes. We are 100% volunteer and donation driven. Since our inception in May of 2017, our local public access ONTV has been on Board with filming events, setting up interviews and televising our non-profit. Without ONTV we would not have the exposure and reach to not only those who would volunteer, but those who would donate their used bicycles and support our mission.

For a small organization and the local community, public access television allows information to be gathered and be televised to groups of people we would not reach solely through social media and word of mouth. While we appreciate progress and forward movement, we ask that the wording be such that it does not allow for our local programming to go by the wayside and be pushed out. That would be detrimental for our local communities and limit the viewing of local happenings.

Thank you for your time,

Becky Osborne
Adminstrator at Holy Spokes
www.holyspokes.org
586-894-8895

jimroback

Oct 24 (2 days ago)

to
me

To end funding for local TV would certainly bring the demise to an area of creative expression, knowledge entertainment.

Local ONTV, Lake Orion has provided an outlet for all kinds of entertainment on local events from sports music, skits, gardening, how to, entertainment like wrestling, musicians and various local talent that is most enjoyable to watch.

A great outlet vs. the big cable networks that do not provide this local opportunity for young and mature individuals to provide an outlet to express there talents.

Local TV can open many doors and provide a spring board for talent that would go unrecognized.

In addition, local personnel gives you the warm feeling and knowledge that would be more acceptable and trusting.

I personally have utilized the equipment to provide travel information on over 15 major trips around the world hoping to encourage people to travel see this wonderful world.

Lastly we can tune in on "Local Government" meetings and to witness all levels of politicians we elect and the job they are performing. A great outlet for us to be informed.

My strongest feeling ONTV, provides this local outlet for our citizens to enjoy and participate as well is keeping citizens informed of local events.

My family has had a life-changing experience because of ONTV!

My son was involved, first, as a high school student volunteer, and found his true passion for life during his experience - making films! He went on to enter a couple of films into their annual film contests over the years and received awards, accolades and a new self-confidence in him I had never seen before.

Thanks to their amazing staff, ONTV gave him the outlet to “march to the beat of his own drum.” In a world where it is so difficult to fit in, ONTV is a place that accepted him for who he is, when, at times, his own peers and teachers rejected him.

Now, my daughter is following in his footsteps. She has already participated in their film contest, attended summer television classes and volunteered as a camera operator. She is eager to volunteer often so she can get film experience to improve her own film-making skills.

Truly, without ONTV, I'm not sure which path my kids would have taken. There are so many unhealthy distractions - I am so thankful we have a safe place for kids to have a creative outlet and improve their community through television and film.

We need MORE funding and support for ONTV so they can continue having a positive impact on our kids in the community!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brandon Morrow** <morrow.brandon@hotmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 11:43 PM

Subject: Keep the Broadcast Programs Alive

I loved our program at LOHS because it showed me what I wanted to do as a career. I would've been lost completely (socially and academically) if it weren't for our program. As a plus, I met a few of my best friends throughout this program. We all continue to take classes in college which we most likely would not have taken if we weren't inspired by the art of Broadcast and Video.

My college classes that apply to broadcasting are the ones that I care about the most. They are what help me through school currently. If I'm being completely honest, they are the classes that help maintain my sanity. College is a very stressful time, and if I didn't have my one media class then I don't know where my mental health would be. I can actually feel confident in myself for a few hours a week, all because my first broadcast program at Lake Orion High School, assisted by Orion Neighborhood Television, showed me what I wanted to do. I found something that I am GOOD at. Academics have never been my strong-suit and to take funding away from this program would be separating me, albeit hundreds of future students from this same luxury. I found something that makes me feel SAFE and the future generations should be entitled to the same.

Orion Neighborhood Television has one of the kindest and most helpful staffs that I have ever met. Prior to my first (Junior) year in the program I was required to get a head start in the field before the school year began. I had no idea what I was doing... however, thanks to ONTV I had many opportunities to further my knowledge in manning a camera, graphics, even anchoring a live newscast. I love seeing and hearing about the local news stories because they showcase the local talent that many people would be unaware about. I could not be more thankful for ONTV.

Jasmine

French

Oct 25 (1 day ago)

to
me

ONTV is important to this community because it allows us to connect. Community Television assists in keeping the community and surrounding locations informed on what's happening in the environment, schools, as well as give individuals a platform to share their lives and talents. It's also a place where students may learn, be productive and it opens doors for many connections in this field.

In addition, ONTV gave me the tools, push and encouragement to bring my own vision to life for T.V. production and to be an influence that I hope one day will impact the world.

Gary Ishmael

8:59 AM (7 hours ago)

to
me

ONTV is a valuable asset to Lake Orion! Keep the funding as it is. ONTV covers so much of the local events in Lake Orion that would not be recorded if their funding is stopped.

Respectfully,
Gary Ishmael

ONTV Letter of Support - 2018

October 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

ONTV and its wonderful people have been very helpful, supportive, and instrumental in serving our

community. I am an educator, author, musician, and program creator who has greatly benefited from

ONTV's many services. They have taught me how to film, edit, and produce video programs and podcast

shows, allowing me to share my creativity and inspire people. They have allowed me and other producers

to share our creations with a wider audience to benefit everyone who enjoys our programs.

I have received many endorsements of support from people who have watched my "Discover Your

Power to Succeed!" program. One woman in Lake Orion who saw my show on ONTV called me to

share, "Your program is the best Cable Show I've seen and it's better than what's on TV!" This was

wonderful to hear and meant so much to me. These types of testimonials encourage me to continue my

mission to inspire people to be and do their best!

ONTV has helped me to achieve my dream of creating empowering shows to help people. The wonderful

people at ONTV, like Joe Johnson who is ONTV's Studio Manager, taught me many of the skills I've

learned through the classes offered at the studio. Joe is very knowledgeable, helpful, and encouraging. I

appreciate his help and all of the people at ONTV who have taught us how to use the equipment and

share our talents with a wider audience in our community.

Having a wonderful group of people who support our creations and help us offer amazing programming is

priceless! Not having ONTV would force people to try to work on their own without having the classes,

knowledge, and support that are needed to create quality programming. This would be very unfortunate

for everyone. We must remember how important it is to have a group of supportive people coming

together to teach and inspire us to share creative and valuable programs with everyone. Please consider

the impact of one decision and how it will have a ripple effect on many generations to come. So, please

keep ONTV in our community to benefit everyone.

As a teacher, I know the value of teaching and reaching our young people when they are in their formative

years. Children are part of our society and they become the wonderful adults that make influential

decisions. We need to provide wonderful, educational, entertaining, and relevant programs that are only

available from the people in our neighborhood who care about our children the most.

Family-friendly

programming is needed now more than ever in order to guide and inspire our children, and even adults, to

pursue their dreams, share their own talents, and become their best selves.

Thank you for considering and, hopefully, deciding to keep the funding for our valuable ONTV station that

does so much for our wonderful community! We are all connected and we need one another to make

positive choices that create wonderful and lasting benefits for everyone. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Sandra A. Chimenti, M.Ed., Creator and Producer

"Discover Your Power to Succeed!"

Email: CreatingInLife@aol.com

(586) 996-8660

October 26, 2018

SUBJECT: CONTINUE FUNDING OF ONTV PUBLIC TELEVISION

To the FCC or Whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that ONTV's funding is in jeopardy. I wanted to voice that I enjoy public television and would appreciate it to be funded so public broadcasting can still be available. ONTV is an excellent facility for teaching/mentoring and exposing the community to making television programs. In a world of technology, we need to continue making community programs that are not regulated. Please continue the funding.

Sincerely,
Jerry Jackson
10562 Hartland Road
Fenton MI 48430

October 26, 2018

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Sincerely,
Tina Jackson
10562 Hartland Road
Fenton MI 48430

To Whom It May Concern:

I love the fact that ONTV and community television reaches so many levels of people in the community with their vast array of programs and events that they host and/or produce. They provide a much needed venue in which people of any age can come and learn different forms of media/technology and use those skills on a volunteer basis to then benefit the community. They are able to produce informative as well as entertaining broadcasts that appeal to a broad range of people. For some, these opportunities wouldn't have been possible without an organization like ONTV and community television. They are very much entrenched in the community and have become an integral part of many of the events that are held each year. They give back in all that they do. In my opinion, ONTV and community television continues to be a very worthwhile venue and the surrounding community would suffer a great loss should they lose funding.

Sincerely,
Karen Tarpley

Patrick Caporuscio
776 Elm st
Allenton Mi 48002
810-305-3221

To : FCC
Washington DC

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Patrick Caporuscio and I am opposed to the **“In-Kind provision in the FNPRM on Cable Franchising”**.

Having been involved as an Anchorman, News Reporter and show producer for the past 25 years, I believe in the importance of Public Access TV.

Starting at Shelby Cable, a Public Access station, as a reporter I advanced to producing shows at Richmond Cable, Romeo Public Access, CMNTV and ONTV in Lake Orion.

Public Access is a well respected form of communication for local residents which allows local people to learn video production and create a large amount of original content for local cable subscribers.

These stations unite and educate the local viewers about subjects from High School football, to Ballroom Dancing.

Spending time at Public TV stations as a reporter and producer are in large part responsible for successes as a TV News and Comedy show producer.

It would be a shame to cut funding to these stations just when media content and production is at an all-time high with viewing content breaking records for the numbers of viewers and hours spent viewing.

Google, Netflix, Facebook, Apple and many more very large corporations are spending billions on production and content for profit and with a slant towards shows which do not cover local news, events and productions from local individuals in the Public Access viewer's area.

Public Access stations are the David and the big for profit companies are the Goliaths.

I believe that we need the balance and perspective of local producers and viewers.

If Public Access were to lose funding we would lose a large part of the unique perspective that unites us as members of a community.

Some of the most popular shows are High Schools sports and local news which involve many families participating in viewing these shows as a family.

Please consider this when making your decision(s).

Feel free to call me at 810-305-3221 or e-mail pjimprov@yahoo.com

Respectfully.

Pat Caporuscio, Producer EcastActors INC.

Bo

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Oct 28 (2 days ago)

to
me

ONTV is extremely important to me because it gives me a chance to create TV shows that I feel are important to the community. I do a show featuring programming mainly for seniors and shut-ins. The content of my show is me singing old songs that are classics that can't be heard on mainstream TV or radio. I have many followers who listen and enjoy the songs that I do. If local access is discontinued, then these folks will no longer be able to hear the content of my show, so please continue to support ONTV with funding.

Thanks, Bob Lowe

Carol

<sugarsongs@comcast.net>

Oct 28 (2 days ago)

to
me

ONTV is a very important asset to the community – as much as a free press.
ONTV provides an outlet for news, entertainment and free expression of opinion.
An example of the valuable programming offered to the public by ONTV is the show created by my husband.
This show focuses on musical entertainment aimed specifically for senior citizens; many of whom are “shut-ins” and have limited exposure to pleasant entertainment.
If local access is discontinued, this service to these people will no longer exist.
Other examples of programming provided by local access that is NOT available on network programming is coverage of local (high school, for example) sports events, town hall meetings, parades and other community celebrations.
I ask that funding and support of public access – ONTV – is continued.
This is a valuable asset to our community.

Thank you,
Carol Lowe

Alana Hart

Oct 28 (2 days ago)

to
me

ONTV is crucial to Orion Township and the surrounding communities. ONTV keeps the community updated with local happenings, supports schools, helps nonprofits, encourages personal creativity and teaches classes on tv production. ONTV has become a staple in Lake Orion. They continue to strive to involve with community outreach and communications. Funding is crucial to continue the great work and to keep the community informed. Please continue to support the great work and outreach in our community.

cjoelana2@aol.co

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Oct 28 (2 days ago)

to me,
bobsmusictime

ONTV,

I AM DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT ONTV MAY LOSE THEIR FUNDING.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE "FUNDERS" DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THIS TO THE COMMUNITY. LOCAL SCHOOLS AND THE CHILDREN, BUDDING ARTISTS, FOLKS WHO WANT TO LEARN BROADCASTING ,CAMERA AND PRODUCING SKILLS, SENIORS WHO LISTEN TO MUSIC SHOWS PRODUCED AND PERFORMED BY LOCAL ARTISTS, FOOD DRIVES FOR THE LOCAL BETTERMENT.

IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS I HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ONTV. THEY HAVE A MARVELOUS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND GO THE LONG MILE IN WORKING WITH AND HELPING PEOPLE DEVELOP TALENTS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

HOW COULD LOSING FUNDING BE CONSIDERED IN A TIME WHEN THE COUNTRY AND STATE IS EXPERIENCING AN ECONOMIC BOOM?

TO THE PEOPLE WHO CONTROL FUNDING I WOULD SAY " RECONSIDER THE PROSPECT OF REMOVING FUNDING AND TO CONSIDER HOW CAN WE IMPROVE FUNDING!!

THANX, JOE CABALLERO

October 29, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing you to convince you that community television is not only a way to bring forth a community together but to express their talents and ideas. When you look at media, it's a form and way of expressing each and every person who wants to have the chance of being on television. Not only are you risking the income of those who make a living off of their career and passion you are silencing their creative flow. What happened to creating careers and jobs for everyone? Instead, not only will the FCC be cutting off something creative and expressive but they will be cutting off job opportunities as well.

Orion Neighborhood Television was my first internship and not only did they help strengthen my knowledge behind the camera, they've also strengthen my knowledge in front. These small television stations are also learning grounds for young broadcast journalists like myself but also for youth younger than I. There is a film club that is hosted at ONTV, where they encourage middle schoolers to find their creative ideas. They embrace the small and big accomplishments within their community. Something that a lot of big television stations who feel the need not to. College students, like myself look to stations like these to gain bountiful knowledge that a lot of big stations neglect. If anything, it would be a total lost and 20 steps backwards if the community television is no longer on air.

Thank you,

Donne' Wynn

From: Josh Johr <jjohr25@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 2:51 PM
To: Roger Smith
Subject: PEG Funding

Hey Mr Smith!

Hope this isn't too late. Feel free to use whatever part you'd like, or if you need to modify anything to fit anywhere specifically that's fine too. I'm happy to help and I really hope this all works out for ONTV and TPW!

- Josh Johr

PEG fees have funded the most influential programs of my life. The opportunity to learn and gain hands on experience with the many facets of video production was an indescribable experience of my time in high school. My early exposure to the professional level of broadcasting and video was not only valuable in its own right, but it put me on a direction toward a career in film and video as well. I firmly believe that the influence my high school broadcasting program had on my life, and the lives of many others, simply would not have been possible if not for the generous donations of our local PEG funded TV studio. Local level broadcasting brings a community together in a way not possible by any state or national level video. It's really incredible to see how people can rally around the content produced and the excitement that comes from seeing friends and family or even oneself in a video. There's nothing that really comes close to the experiences and opportunities created by local level broadcasting and that's just not possible without PEG funding.

To whom it may be concerned

We are being hit by a very disheartening wave of attacks on local authority over rights-of-way and the ability to properly manage competing interests and receive fair compensation from providers of wireless, small cell, cable TV and broadband. These attacks dramatically preempt and diminish local government authority as well as drastically impact fair compensation and franchise fees - all of which could have devastating effects on cable revenue and thus, services provided to our residents in Ortonville.

I have been taking video production classes at the public access station. Because of this I was able to create a short film and compete in the WildWood film festival with my entry (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY7HfQ26x1E>)(3:33). I haven't finished the class yet, but because of the resources and people I've met through the access station I was able to compete and see my production in a movie theater. I now plan to continue my education in video production which I would have never done without the wonderful and helpful people I have met through the public access station

We are asking you to oppose SB 637 and SB 894 and the FCC NPRM on Cable Franchise Fees and the recently issued Orders preempting Local ROW. The harmful effects include losing millions of dollars in lost revenue state-wide, putting the future of Public, Education and Government (PEG) Channels at stake and taking away a huge benefit to the community that is provided for our local residents.

Sincerely,

Garrett Belding

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video ONTV 2018 Wildwood Film Festival: Mexico](#)



sharon sigler
<sharonsigler@hotmail.com>

12:03 PM (38 minutes ago)

to
me

Please continue to fund OnTV. It has been invaluable for filming our Christian series for Pocket Parables for families.

Sent from my

Terry Norris <tbnorris55@gmail.com>

7:57 PM (15 hours ago)

to
me

We enjoy what ontv does in our community. Please keep it going for us. Thanks

**Joseph
Thurman**

12:15 PM (48 minutes ago)

to
me

ONTV is a very great creative resource for South-Eastern Michigan and that entire region. It affords so many the opportunity to creatively express ourselves. In a time when freedom of speech itself seems in jeopardy, PLEASE do not take away ONTV's funding. THAT would be so much of a bad thing. DO NOT TAKE AWAY FUNDING AT ALL. Michigan (and the world) NEEDS ONTV DDESPERATELY!!!

Joseph Thurman
jtutm@aol.com

**Donni
Steele**

4:14 PM (33 minutes ago)

to
me

Dear Representatives,

It has been my great pleasure being apart of the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission.

OCCCC grants funding to Orion OnTv, our local Public television station; the public broadcasting program's and equipment at our Lake Orion Schools, especially our High School; our Orion Community Senior Center facility; our Lake Orion Village Council offices; our Charter Township of Orion board room and our School Board Education public board room.

Our community is a better community because of our public broadcasting. We have become a more transparent, better informed and we are a closer community because of our local public broadcasting.

My absolute favorite is watching young students develop and thrive in all aspects of filming, broadcasting, and performing- which is only possible because of the grants OCCC has been able to deliver to our schools.

Our community has utilized every dollar which has been gifted to us through PEG and Franchise fees.

Orion Township through our carefully designed OCCCC has wisely & properly utilized the PEG Fees and Franchise Fees for what it was intended for-- public broadcasting.

We would be remiss if we lost this vital public broadcasting in Lake Orion and would not be able to continue if we lost our funding.

We urge you to please keep this funding in place for the better of our Lake Orion Community.

Sincerely,

Ben Blaesing

<benblaesing@gmail.com>

Nov 9 (3 days ago)

to
me

Hi,

I just wanted to send this message, along with a testimonial of how helpful ONTV has been to us at Pocket Parables Media!

"ONTV has been a blessing to me and my Pocket Parables Media family! From being able to shoot episodes of McTavish's Farm (in which I am the host) to shooting Time To Believe, having the studio space has given us the opportunity to reach so many people with a positive message that you simply can't put a price on. As a young actor, ONTV has given me a chance to use my talents to make a positive difference in this world. I do hope that Pocket Parables Media has the ability to keep reaching people with their life changing messages through ONTV for many years to come"!

Thanks,

Ben Blaesing

