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Ajit Pai - FCC Chairman,  
  
I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed changes in FCC regulation that could change the way Milford TV and other PEG Access stations around the country receive funding. We oppose the FCC’s “Small Cell Order” and “In-Kind Offset Rule” proposals.  
  
Having worked in media and Cable Access for nearly a decade, I believe it is prudent we address how essential Cable Access is to all active participants in any community that wish to maintain an appropriate level of transparency within local government by coverage of local municipal meetings and hearings. PEG Access is also an integral part of facilitating our first amendment rights. Local community groups and individuals use our facility and others like it to express themselves through many forms of digital media productions. Not only do we help facilitate freedom of expression, but we also provide a safe place for the youth of our community such as students, interns, and volunteers who learn and grow through hands on experience using our state-of-the-art production equipment and studios spaces. Individuals of all ages are able to gain knowledge about the digital media field where they normally may not have the opportunity through traditional schooling. We provide a hands-on experience to help many individuals that don’t learn by conventional means, learn how to communicate effectively, work cohesively, troubleshoot and problem solve. We have sent several Milford area students to college through their experience here at Milford TV.   
  
Milford TV Studios is a platform for the arts. We provide gallery space for local artists, hosts many concerts for local musicians, help individuals with technical needs, hosts telethon fundraisers to promote the needs of an individual or organization and so much more. Taking away direct funding for Cable Access centers would be devastating for those who rely on the educational, governmental, and artistic outlets that we provide. It would also eliminate jobs and opportunities for many good, hard-working people in this industry. We see no good reason for these new proposals to be implemented.  
  
  
Thank You  
  
  
Liz Harkins, Members Services Coordinator