**Before the**

**Federal Communications Commission**

**Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of )

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Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable ) MB Docket No. 05-311

Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended )

by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and )

Competition Act of 1992 )

**COMMENTS OF [NAME OF ORGANIZATION]**

North Andover CAM appreciates the opportunity to file comments on the Second  
further Notice and Proposed Rulemaking (“FNPRM”) in the above-referenced docket.

We strongly oppose the tentative conclusion in the FNPRM that cable-related in-kind contributions, such as those that allow our programming to be viewed on the cable system, are franchise fees.

The pending FCC regulation is going to have an enormously negative impact on all local access stations.

For the past nearly 20 years I've served as the cameraman for This Old House TV show. I've been nominated eight times for a National Emmy Award for my work on this show.

I also work with many sports groups, including all of the professional Boston sports teams as well as teams like the Yankees, Houston Astros, Nets, Orioles and many others, covering, games, creating features, capturing interviews and many other opportunities.

None of this was possible except for the experience that I gained working with my local access TV station to learn all of the intricacies that it takes to create compelling videos.

The past two directors on This Old House both got their start at the local access level. Almost all of the professional sports videographers that I work with and have come to know as friends got their start at the local access level as well as many of the technical people who work with me behind the scenes.

I’ve served on my local CAM Board of Directors for the past 12 years and have enjoyed continuing to serve my town as both a Board member and a Community Producer.

Video is more powerful now than ever in the history of mankind and it's the lessons that we learn, the teammates that we get to work with and all of the benefits that are only accessible through local access TV. My town enjoys a variety of community producers whose ages range from fifth grade through a very busy senior citizen group. The types of programs that we create cover the gamut from theater, news, sports, education, special events such as local parades, sheep shearing and a Fourth of July celebration that all are captured by local producers and feature as many people in the town as we can squeeze into a show.

Local Access also provides one on one and group training that isn’t available anywhere else.

The FCC ruling would destroy this foundation because of the negative financial impact that it would have on our entire operation. I implore you to vote against this new ruling.

Please feel free to reach out with me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely

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