

**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 STONEHAM COMMUNITY ACCESS, INC.

Stoneham Community Access, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to file comments on the Second Further Notice and Proposed Rulemaking (“FNPRM”) in the above-referenced docket. Stoneham Community Access, Inc. was established in 2002 in Stoneham, Massachusetts as a non-profit organization to oversee Stoneham’s public, educational, and governmental television channels. We provide the community of over 9,000 households with the unique service of access to create and share local programming, coverage of government meetings and the ability to post community related messages on an electronic bulletin board. Our mission is to promote community awareness and spirit throughout the town of Stoneham by offering residents a chance to showcase information and achievements through community access television. Through this service, the community has been able to get to know government officials better through appearances on locally produced shows, among other meetings and events these representatives have attended in Stoneham. Members of non-profit organizations such as: Saint Patrick’s Parish, Stoneham Youth Football and the Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham have partnered with SCA to learn how to use digital video equipment to produce programs that highlight their organization’s activities. It is through this medium that we see individuals young and old, of different backgrounds, different religions and beliefs come together to create programming that is local and relevant to the Stoneham community.

Stoneham Community Access, Inc. strongly opposes MB Docket No. 05-311 because it changes the language and structure that allow our programming to be viewed on the town’s three cable systems. These changes will impact our budget with a reduction in fees and the services offered to our community will be in jeopardy.

Howard Porter has produced a monthly art and music show that showcases individuals like him who live with Parkinson's disease. Through his program, he has brought awareness and hope to those living with these challenges. Members of The Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition have produced Public Services Announcements in Spanish and Sign Language in order to get messages to the community that there is local support for those suffering with addiction, as well as those individuals looking for resources to help their loved one. Students from the Stoneham Central Middle School have created informational clips on bullying and how they want to be treated with respect and kindness. These are just three examples of how public, educational and governmental access television can help community members spread awareness and understanding to their neighbors. While we can teach residents how to utilize technology to make a television program, we cannot teach them the passion necessary to get that message across. Together, we are bringing true "real"ity television to the homes of our community. The faces, places and grace of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts are important to our community's well being and MB Docket No. 05-311 threatens that foundation.

We invite you to visit for one day at Stoneham Community Access, Inc. and see community members like Howard, who are making a difference through their important videos that speak to the heart of our community.

We appreciate the opportunity to add to the record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Brough Palmerino".

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