November 27, 2018

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission

455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to express our concern about and disapproval of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

Peabody Access Television provides has been wonderful in airing many of the events and activities in our community that we are not able to see in person. The School Committee meetings are broadcasted on our television as many working parents are not able to make these meetings at night time with all the activities our kids have. It is great to be able to go to the PAT site or television channel to catch up on these events. And the same with the City Hall Meetings, Sports programs, Concerts and events in Peabody are aired on TV. This has been a great source for my mother in law and many of the elderly or home bound that are not able to get out of their homes but are still able to view the grand kids at sports or to listen to the concerts from their homes.

Also, my son and many of his friends have been enjoying the after school PATV for youth and the summer camps that they host! My son truly enjoys Wednesday afternoons learning the ins and out of airing a show, editing their programs and learning what makes a Community television station work! The staff are wonderful and it has shown my son a career opportunity that he would have never learned about if it was not for the Peabody Access TV station and their dedication to the youth!

This local presence enables the residents of our Peabody, MA to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG channels in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

Diane Macedo

CC: The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner