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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

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Office of the Secretary

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RE: Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. 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 No. 05-311.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing in strong opposition to the 2 new proposed orders by the FCC. Specifically, the new cable franchise regulation and the proposed Small Cell regulation.

The franchise changes would alter, at a cable operators' discretion, the terms of the agreements between cable operators and cities/towns. By netting the current benefit out of the Franchise fee, the overall value of the franchise agreement would drop dramatically, and the public would be shortchanged. Currently, the City of Medford receives 5% of annual revenues from local cable companies. This allows the City to fund local cable access and media for our community, and most importantly our students. Allowing cable companies to determine their "in-kind" distribution would strip local funding needed for the community. Approving this regulation would be another windfall for industry, coming at the expense of local taxpayers, residents, and consumers.

The Small Cell regulation, which would place time limits on the review of small cell deployment permits, would make it nearly impossible to deny applications, and limit the fees that communities can charge for use of public rights of way to below-market levels. This order would make it extremely difficult for the City of Medford to regulate small cell deployment to ensure that the safety and aesthetic needs of neighborhoods are met.

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Local governments have an important responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and the FCC's preemption measures will compromise that traditional authority and work against the public interest. Cities and towns across the Commonwealth have worked with private businesses to build the best broadband and cable infrastructure possible for their residents and have demonstrated restraint and reasonableness throughout the process. The FCC is ignoring the positive record here in Massachusetts. For these reasons, I am writing to request that the above-mentioned proposals be rejected.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie M. Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Stephanie M. Burke

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CC: Senator Edward Markey
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Congresswoman Katherine Clark