

City with a heart . . . and a head for business

November 27, 2018

Federal Communications Commission

Dear Chairman:

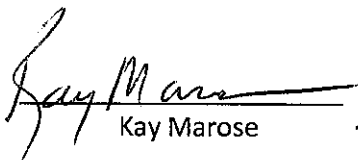
"An informed citizenry is the heart of a dynamic democracy" Thomas Jefferson

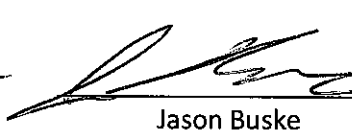

The Mayor along the council members of the City of Juneau Wisconsin are sending this letter expressing our concern with the proposed changes the Federal Communication Commission is considering regarding the local public access channels. The cost that would be shifted to the city in this proposal would be prohibitive to the continuation of our local channel.

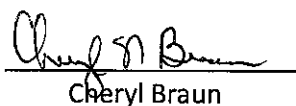
Our understanding of the creation of our local channel was to serve the public interest by enabling local expression, developing and using local talent, providing programs for children, producing and airing religious, educational and public affairs programs. For years, the City of Juneau has been airing all these types of programs for our community and hopes to continue. There is an information drought in communities like Juneau. The local papers in the area are understaffed and struggling. They cannot send reporters to cover local events or governmental meeting but with our local channel we are able to provide our community members with broadcasts of many of the important events. We feel it is imperative to have an informed public for the health of our democracy and our local channel is essential to that end.

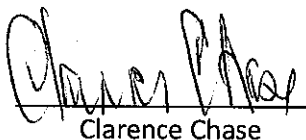
As Christmas season is upon us we are using our local channel to reach many members of our community. Our local librarian has arranged to broadcast a children's Christmas story reading event. For 24 consecutive days in December various members of the community (Mayor, Fire Chief, Police officers, School staff and more) will read a Christmas story to be aired on our local channel. What a great way for our small city to connect with one another. Please do not take away these opportunities for communities to stay informed and feel connected with one another.

Thanks for your consideration,

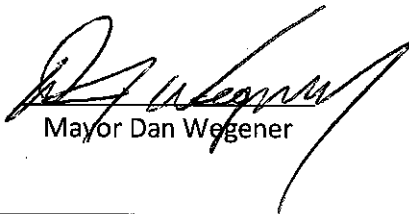

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