

November 29, 2018

Honorable Committee Members:

This letter is in regard to the planned 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.

DATV, the community media channel serving Dayton, Ohio for over 40yrs, has always had to fight to keep the public’s interest at the forefront of its mission. For many years legislation and policies initiated by big corporations were created to bring harm to that public interest.

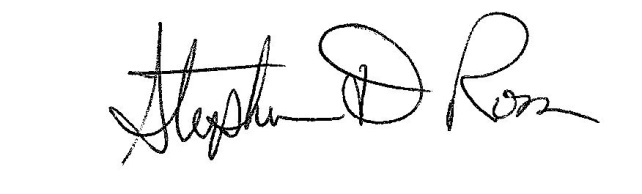
I witnessed first-hand the power big corporation has on our political system during the passage of Ohio’s SB-117 regarding statewide franchising. This legislation has had a damaging effect on communities in Ohio since 2008.

DATV and PEG facilities throughout the country have always given a voice to the underserved. Churches, schools, senior citizens, the LGBT community, those with disabilities, and other diverse groups have always had an outlet through PEG channels to express views and opinions that are important to them and their communities.

Any language that allows cable companies to deduct the fair market value from services benefitting communities, would not only further damage communities in those service areas, but poses a definite threat to the existence of valuable PEG facilities around the country.

When do the interests of big corporations like cable companies cease to supersede those of the general public?

I hope you will take these comments into consideration when viewing language that further damages the value of PEG channels and the communities they serve.

Respectfully

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