Friday, November 20, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman

The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

455 12th Street, Southwest

Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to **disapprove** 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.

As a parent, small business owner, and community member, I feel strongly that access to community media is an integral part of being a citizen and active participant in the democratic process. Our local program, **Arlington Community Media, Inc.** is vital part of our community, and an important intersection point for community members of *all* backgrounds and political persuasions.

To threaten funding for ACMI is to directly threaten an important part of what makes this community unique. This plays out in many areas of town life, including local government, news, arts, and education. The strong community experience in a town with access to local media is not quantifiable, and yet the result is a better informed, educated, and involved public.

Finally, we cannot underplay ACMI’s role in preparing young people for the future. ACMI trains local youth to participate in the creation of media, rather than just to passively consume. Not only does this experience empower, but it also provides technical and vocational training students would not otherwise have access to.

In closing, the impacts of threatening the financial solvency of Arlington Community Media, Inc. will be wide-ranging and summarily negative. I hope you will consider this letter as a testament to the passion local residents feel about their right to cable access television through our community media program, ACMI.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerry Abukhalaf

Arlington, Massachusetts