November 30, 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,

We 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.

Norfolk Cable Television (NCTV), in Norfolk, Massachusetts, is an integral part of the town. Not only does it provide programming on cable channels, but it also provides non-profit groups with the ability to create their own programming.

NCTV has an exceedingly helpful staff. They do much more than simply provide programming to Norfolk cable viewers. They provide training and instruction on all sorts of media to all age groups. Community members can drop in to the studio and get assistance with their computers, ipads, phones, and other devices. They run programs to educate the public about media, and have even started streaming town meeting and other major events so townspeople can stay informed even if they cannot actually attend.

They work with local groups to help them reach targeted audiences in town. I am on the board of a local charity, Happy Feat Fundraiser, which helps raise dollars for small charities in the area. NCTV has worked with our organization to create videos to help publicize our event.

This local presence enables the residents of our town of Norfolk 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,

Grace Allen