December 3, 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 6th grade teacher in Chelmsford, MA, I incorporate many of the state standards into my curriculum with the help of the Chelmsford TeleMedia Studio. My team produces an hour-long video at the end of the year. The students write, direct, tape, and star in short news productions and then we record an hour long news show incorporating their “remotes” at the studio. The following state standards are just a few that are used in this project:

Speaking and Listening #5 Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.

Grade 6: Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify information

Writing Standard #4 Production and Distribution of Writing Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Grade 6: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

I also run an after-school program called the “TV Club” which utilizes the equipment from the studio and introduces students to the television world in a way that they might never experience otherwise.

In the last eighteen years, during which I have utilized the Chelmsford TeleMedia Studios, the directors and other employees have been invaluable. Their commitment to their craft is admirable.

I believe that my interaction is just one small component that this studio gives to the town of Chelmsford. I am requesting your continued support of community media in general, and Chelmsford Telemedia specifically.

Sincerely,

Mary Martin, McCarthy Middle School, Chelmsford, MA