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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman

The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman

Federal Communications Commissioner

455 12th Street, Southwest

Washington, D.C. 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 the producer and host of the very popular public access TV series, Your Health Care:Choice or Chance?, which aired throughout Massachusetts , including Cambridge and Cape Cod and the Islands from 1995-2014, I know first-hand how important community television is to its viewers. My show taught the public how to navigate the health system and its guests included many notables, including former Governor Michael Dukakis; Mass. First Lady, Kitty Dukakis; Nobel Prize Winner, Dr. Bernard Lown, noted cardiologist; the late Dr. Arnold Relman, Chair of the New England Journal of Medicine; and Stuart Altman, Advisor to President William Clinton on Health Care and now a Professor at Brandeis University.

No other show in the USA has so fully discussed these topics and has had the impact on its audience as has Your Health Care:Choice or Chance? This is because public access television allowed me to spend the minimum of 30 minutes on these important issues, something which the networks never do. Some of these issues included Men and Their Health; Breast Cancer Awareness; The Importance of Single Payer; Eye Care; and Patient Safety.

I fervently hope that you will recognize the importance of community television and that you will continue to support it. Community television, in my view, is necessary to our nation’s good health.

Sincerely,

Ellen B. Kagan

Host/Producer

Your Health Care:Choice or Chance?