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 am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) and to oppose 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.

I have been working with PEG Access TV Channels with TBNK in Northern Kentucky for the past 30 years. I started as a member of the group headed by Ted Bushelman called Cable 1 of Northern Kentucky. It was an all volunteer group which did all types of programing in the area. We did parades, police pistol marches, dance recitals; as well as many area sporting events such as Thomas More Football and Basketball, and Florence Freedom professional baseball. After Ted passed away several years ago, TBNK kept the group together and amalgamated it into TBNK productions, which we still do today.

I have a degree in broadcasting from UC, but never having the opportunity to go ‘big time’, I have settled for the chance to do what I was trained for and love, and the PEG access with TBNK gives me that opportunity; for this I am eternally grateful; losing this would not only be detrimental to this area but to me personally, and a lot of people like myself.

This area needs this access to bring quality programs that would never be seen or covered without PEG Access.

I am opposed to the passage of this provision.

Northern Kentucky is a better community because of PEG at TBNK.

Local Public, Educational, and Governmental, (PEG) Access channels provide a wide range of local programming about our community, which is a valuable service to Northern Kentucky residents, community organizations, and viewers. Our local PEG TV studio at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, also provides access to a professional studio, editing and field equipment for local residents, schools, and community organizations, who would not otherwise have access to such facilities, as well as much needed training and guidance.

Local PEG programming includes coverage of high school and college football and basketball games, swimming and diving and other sports, as well as many community events. The PEG channels air numerous local government meetings every month, as well as Northern Kentucky election programs and results. The channels also broadcast local music and entertainment, documentaries, and public affairs shows, as well as information about local community service organizations and agencies, and issues of interest to Northern Kentucky.

Promoting such diversity of views and information through local PEG programming was one of congress’ specific stated intents of the Cable Act. The FCC’s proposed FNPRM goes against this stated intent, and would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

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