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To the FCC

RE: supporting community access

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the FCC is entertaining rule changes that would allow cable providers to minimize and/or eliminate funding for local access television. I can’t imagine a worse idea.

When we went from free, over the air television to paid, corporate controlled television the bargain that was struck was that the corporations had to agree to take a very small portion of their revenues and support television for our local communities.

There is no other viable means for truly local television to exist. Allowing corporations like Comcast to renege on the bargain that they originally struck for the sole purpose of greed and more corporate profits would be a travesty.

As someone who had an informative show for eight years on our local access TV I can assure you that these community institutions are not only invaluable, but necessary. I would ask that you, as the entity designated to represent the people would say “NO” to these proposed changes and hold the corporations to their original commitments.

Thank you for listening,

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