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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
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Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to support the Comments of the Lake Champlain Access Television, Inc. (“LCATV”, File ID 1031754013658) 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.

LCATV provides great coverage of local events crucial to our town and the surrounding communities. Where else can you find gavel to gavel coverage of local selectboard meetings, development review board meetings and school board meetings? In today’s busy world, the ability to check in on a meeting, even if you couldn’t make it in person, provides great information to town residents and helps keep the community connected. LCATV and other PEG stations provide vital services to the communities they serve and I do not want to see the services they provide disappear. **This would be a harsh blow to the local communities** served by LCATV and PEG Access stations across the country.

This local presence enables the residents of our town and county 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 Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Golden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Golden, Owner of Triangulus Inc.

cc: Kevin Christopher, LCATV Executive Director