

December 11, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

*RE: MB Docket No 05-311. In the Matter of 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.*

We are writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA,” File ID 1114050901562) in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. We oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

I represent two organizations. The faith based St Paul’s Methodist Church in St. Albans, VT depends upon Northwest Access to expand our outreach to home bound and nursing home bound individuals who would otherwise not be able to attend our worship. The Sheldon Historical Society in Sheldon VT depends upon Northwest Access TV to broaden the scope of its coverage of significant historical research findings and conversations with unique elderly individuals who live or grew up in Sheldon.

This benefit for people of faith was what was intended when Congress set up the Cable Act. PEG Access does not solely benefit a local government or franchising authority- it benefits and strengthens the community as a whole.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG organizations to serve communities such as ours. We ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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