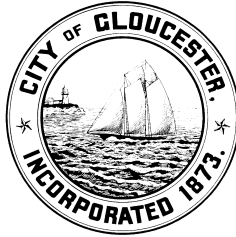


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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
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The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  
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*RE: MB Docket 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”) 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.

Studio 1623, our local cable channel, broadcasts all City Council meetings live and have a number of different programs that support economic development, cultural arts and general information throughout the city. Also, during local elections they broadcast debates and candidate forums as well. Therefore, it is very important for the funding to have Studio 1623 continue broadcasting these important community programs.

This local presence encourages viewers in our [town, city, county] to watch cable television as was intended by the 1984 Cable Act – by enhancing local voices, serving local viewers and strengthening our local democracy. By defining “in-kind” support in an overly broad fashion, the rule making will shift the fair balance between local and state authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels which was never the intent of the Act.

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 channels to serve communities such as ours. We ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Sefatia Romeo Theken,  
Mayor