December 11, 2018

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 write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) 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.

I have been a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts since 1974 and a strong supporter of Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) public access center since they opened in 1988. CCTV has been a hub of learning, media making and critiquing, and community-building for the past 30 years. It is a nationally recognized, award-winning access center, and has moved from simply a place where folks make video to a place where all media is showcased, learned, critiqued, and taught, including social media and podcasting, radio and digital storytelling. It is a place that embodies the spirit of the first amendment and offers a soapbox to one and all.

CCTV is a valued and valuable media center where seniors and teens, the homeless and landlords, black, white, LatinX, queer, and conservative all find a platform for their voices. It is democracy at its finest.

To cut them off at the knees, and all other similarly funded access centers, by removing their central funding from Xfinity, the only cable company allowed to do business in Cambridge, would be a travesty.

Thank you for rethinking this move and continuing to support local community media centers across the country.

Sincerely,

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