

12 December, 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 volunteer for 12 years with HCAM, the community access station in Hopkinton, MA. I am also a member of HCAM's Board of Directors. Our station provides valuable programming to our community, airing government meetings, public debates, school sports and concerts, and a wide range of programs produced in-house to inform and educate Hopkinton's citizens.

Like most access stations, we provide training for residents, and nearly 100 folks have taken advantage of our classes. That's a good indication of how involved our community is with our station. Combined with our programming, we are a highly regarded and valued resource for our town.

Our station is set up as an independent non-profit organization, and funding from cable access fees is critical to our continued operation. That funding is already being reduced by "cord-cutters" dropping their cable connections. The proposed rule has the potential to severely cut the remaining funding, which could result in our station having to drastically reduce, or perhaps eliminate our services.

Community access stations provide a crucial, valuable service to the communities where they operate. Please ensure they can continue to have the funding they need.

Thank you,

John W. Ritz, Hopkinton MA