

12/12/18

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We 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.

For 30 years, Davis Media Access (DMA) has served the public interest by enabling local expression, providing information for a wide range of community need and interests, and providing technology that supports those aims. Our work as a board is provide support and oversight for this remarkable community institution.

The local papers in the area are understaffed and struggling; the commercial television outlets in Sacramento do not cover what happens in our community. They cannot send reporters to cover local events or governmental meetings, but with our local channels, we are able to provide our community members with broadcasts of many meetings and important events. We feel it is imperative to have an informed public for the health of our democracy, and our local channels are essential to that end.

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.

We appreciate your consideration and hope your actions protect PEG channels in our community and others.

Sincerely,

Craig Blomberg, Chair, Davis Media Access
Andrea Jones, Vice Chair
Valerie Jones, Treasurer
Bill Wagman, Secretary
Laura Grindstaff
Gary Chew

CC: The Honorable Michael O’Reilly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

