



League of Women Voters of Falmouth
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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Reilly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th 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*

I am writing on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth, Massachusetts 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 of the FCC in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

The League of Women Voters is a nationwide non-partisan political organization which never supports a political party or political candidate. Our mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government and to increase understanding of major public policy issues. We present a number of public forums on policy issues. Most of these programs are televised to our community by FCTV, our community cable television station.

Our signature events are our semi-annual Candidates' Nights. Candidates' Nights provide a town-wide forum for all candidates in local and regional races to answer questions on issues that concern the voters. Almost one-third of Falmouth's year-round residents are senior citizens. Many of them cannot attend Candidates' Nights due to physical limitations. **They rely on our community cable television station FCTV for its broadcasts of the League's Candidates' Nights to inform themselves about the candidates and the issues.** Through the auspices of FCTV and the League they can hear their own and their neighbors' questions answered in real-time as well as in re-broadcasts on FCTV. The fees paid to the Town of

Falmouth by Comcast, our cable news carrier, enable FCTV to provide this valuable service. A picture is worth a thousand words; a live broadcast of the candidates in action is worth a ream of newsprint. Democracy in action is priceless.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia L. Szulkin, Chairperson
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