



December 13, 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 am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to oppose 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 the past two years the Covington Business Council has enjoyed a great working relationship with the Telecommunications Board of NKY (TBNK) which has served as a partner in the production of "Taking Care of Business," a public affairs business program which I host. The program provides valuable insights about economic development and growth initiatives in Covington and Kenton County. Anything that would threaten TBNK's viability, factors such as inflated PEG programming channel costs, should be opposed vigorously. While my interests are directly related to business programming TBNK provides a valuable community education resource through all its locally produced shows (government, sports, etc.) and would be greatly missed and the community harmed were it not continue to exist.

Our local PEG TV studio at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, also provides access to a professional studio, editing and field equipment for local residents, schools, and community organizations, who would not otherwise have access to such facilities, as well as much needed training and guidance.

The FCC's proposed FNPRM would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Frew", is written over a horizontal line.

Pat Frew
Executive Director