

December 13, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, 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 in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. I, Joseph P. Brennan, President of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame, oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

The Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame has over 1,000 living members residing in the area that this ruling will affect. We are totally opposed to this action and consider it unlawful. The Telecommunications Board of NKY (TBNK) has worked with our hall of fame over the past 10 years televising our Induction Ceremonies and working with our efforts with the Behringer-Crawford Museum to record and preserve the history of sports in Northern Kentucky, interviewing over 60 hall of fame members and having them describe in their own words, the history of their success. The history TBNK displays and preserves for our local communities is critical to offset the negative actions of other TV outlets and radio station who only air paid programming.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they decide to keep local PEG channels (which have been understood for decades, under cable law, to be a negotiated obligation of franchise agreements, separate of franchise fees,) the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as ours, and very likely eliminates the PEG channels in most communities due to the resultant loss of fees that most cities will not be able to afford. I ask that the FNRPM not be adopted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph P Brennan, President of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame