

Dear FCC:

Suddenlink has a petition before you to change how they support public access television. They want to deduct the cost of "in-kind services" from the money it pays to community stations. Please leave the rules as they are. Community access channels are critical to cover local city council and board of supervisors meetings. In our county, it can be a one hour drive to attend such a meeting, not due to traffic but because of curvy roads and a long distance. Community access channels broadcast the meetings in real time and/or later as a rerun. This allows citizens to stay connected to their government.

Students and other citizens can learn the broadcasting trade through public access channels. The same skills are needed to be able to offer internet content. This will create skilled labor to fill US jobs.

If Suddenlink needs more income, they can request a fee raise instead of endangering the viability of public access television.

Sincerely,

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