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**The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner**

**Chairman Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544**

**Dear Chairman Pai:**

**I 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.**

**The presence of community media in Cambridge, MA via CCTV (Cambridge Community Television) is very important. People who might not otherwise have a public voice have a regular presence on CCTV. I don’t necessarily agree with all of them, but I greatly appreciate the diversity of voices and opinions presented. I have been especially moved by these programs:**

* **Community Education. Anyone can join CCTV and learn media skills (and often have their work aired). For example, as a member of an arts program sponsored by the City of Cambridge, I benefitted from media training provided by CCTV to the artists involved. In another example, a neighbor of mine spent many hours creating a video based on slides he took during his time serving in the military during the Korean war; it aired many times.**
* **Focus on youth. Youth training is an essential aspect of CCTV’s mission. I’ve watched the productions on air and in studio and seen the competence, confidence, and joy in the young people who have participated.**
* **Technology help for seniors. Although I am computer-savvy myself, I have referred other elders to CCTV for computer assistance. What a gift it is to have this resource available.**

**Please continue to support community media. It would be an enormous loss to Cambridge if CCTV were no longer here.**

**Sincerely yours,**

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