

December 14, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brandan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 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 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 Proposal of Proposed Rule Making. I oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in processing because of the impacts on our community.

I am an independent producer of TV content for the public access channel of RVTV in Ashland Oregon. My program Adventures in Education informs viewers of issues relating to Education in Southern Oregon and Northern California. Specifically, we spotlight community organizations and schools that enhance the educational experiences of children and community members. My program Ramping Up your English is an instructional program that helps intermediate-level English learners improve their English proficiency. Since I use the production facilities of RVTV - a PEG TV station - to produce both of these programs, and since this facility needs skilled staff to maintain and make it available to producers - these programs would likely cease to be produced and available to viewers in Southern Oregon. Failure to pay franchise fees to the local governments that are RVTV's partners would starve this facility - that is already short on personnel for both production support and scheduling of programs to be carried to the community.

The local presence that's supported by franchise fees encourages viewers in Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, and Jackson County and Josephine County to watch cable television as was intended by the 1984 Cable Act - by enhancing local voices, serving local viewers and strengthening our local democracy. By defining "in-kind" support in an overly broad fashion, the rule making will shift the fair balance between local and state authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels which was never the intent of the Act.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as ours. We in Southern Oregon ask that it not be adopted.

Thanks you.

Yours sincerely

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