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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  
Federal Communications Commission

455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to support the Comments of the Braintree Cable and Access Media (BCAM) 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.

BCAM provides vital services to the community. We have craft, cooking, music, and sporting programs that are all locally produced with the help of a very talented staff who act not just as producers, but as teachers. The coverage of local government is very important and BCAM provides these services. BCAM covers Town and school Board meetings for our community There is also locally produced content on issues important to our citizens.

This local presence enables the residents to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect BCAM Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Casey