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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  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai and FCC Commissioners,  
  
I am writing in support of 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.

There is nothing like public access television. When I was a 22 year old college graduate interested in media, I went to the local public access tv station and was able to take a class in digital editing. While at the studio I watched local shows being put on and saw how it brought together many different members of the community. I since went on to get into media producing, but I credit public access with playing a role in opening up opportunities.

Public access television producers and offers content that isn’t broadcast anywhere else, including:

* broadcasts of city council and school board meetings
* media production training and youth media programs
* special classes for seniors, nonprofits, and City agencies
* coverage of local issues and events and thousands of hours of unique local programming

That may sound like small potatoes to large corporate entities like Comcast, but it is this little stuff that acts as the glue in communities. Start to remove the glue, and things fall apart bit by bit.

Please don’t change this rule for short-term gain. Let’s remember that what makes America great is not only found in the board room, but on Main Street.

Sincerely yours,

Molly O’Brien