

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,

I would like to share my comments in support 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.

In today's world of media consumption each age bracket consumes media very differently. The younger generation consumes media on mobile devices and using streaming services; while the older generations consume media in former traditional ways such as cable television.

As a manager of a PEG (Public, Educational or Government) cable access television station; I see first-hand the relationship this channel space provides our local community. We cover our city council, school board and county board meetings providing transparency into our local government; broadcast local lectures and programs at our library, historical society and other community organizations reaching those unable to attend those programs and those who are homebound; and produce original local programming such as highlighting local musicians; businesses and topics of local matter. We do this while maintaining relationships with our local government bodies, our chamber of commerce, local arts board, and more.

We have audiences that consume this programming online but also serve a large audience who is older and not as technology proficient who rely on access to our PEG channel on our cable system to stay connected to this local content. Being located in a rural community; our "local" over the air TV stations over 70 miles away barely cover anything local to our area; leaving our local PEG station a vital community voice.

Our PEG station operates with a small facility, part-time staff and volunteers on a budget of about \$20,000 per year. The intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act was to enhance local voices while serving local community needs and interests. 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. With the limited funds we operate with, this would likely kill our important local voice.

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

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Werner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joshua Werner