December 13, 2018

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 City of New York 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.

BRIC is the Cable Access Operator for the Borough of Brooklyn in the City of New York, serving a community of nearly 3 million and seen in nearly 600,000 homes. We provide necessary and greatly appreciated services which are laid out in detail in our own comments elsewhere.

We believe that the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act are fair and reasonable for all parties. They include limitations on municipal power more than adequate to insure both investment and profitability by cable companies. By redefining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion after decades of agreed upon practice, the FCC’s proposals will damage the thousands of communities the Cable Act was written to serve and will actually leave the program offering of the cable provider much poorer for the loss of local PEG programming.

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.

Sincerely,

Kristina Newman-Scott Anthony Riddle

President, BRIC Vice-President, Community Media