

DaVinci Charter Academy High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I serve as the Internship Specialist at DaVinci Charter Academy, a position I've held for the last eight years. We are a project-based learning high school and our internship program gives our students the opportunity to have real world work experience. We have worked very closely these last eight years with Davis Media Access, a local community television station that provides so many opportunities for our Davis community. DMA has a robust internship program for students giving them many learning experiences in media related projects. This rulemaking pushed by the telecom industry would allow cable providers to deduct the cost of local programming as an in-kind service from the franchising fees they pay to cities and towns. The suite of services Davis Media Access leverages from these fees to support community need: meeting coverage, and archiving, community event coverage, local election coverage, non-profit services, locally produced programming, community event leadership, high school internships, technical training, and job readiness would all go away. This is an all-out assault on community media. This violates the Cable Act and I'm writing to protest this action. We must fight this action! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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