

16 December, 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to support the Comments of the Lake Champlain Access Television, Inc. (“LCATV,” File ID 1031754013658) 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 my role as Marketing & Outreach Manager for the Parks & Recreation department of the City of Burlington, our local public access stations are a valued resource for communication. We utilize live broadcasts promote our free events, recreation programs and update the public on park improvement projects. Additionally their technology services give us access to video recording equipment and production tools to make our own videos, which is something that my budget could never accommodate.

Most importantly, is the matter of accessibility. LCATV, Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Television and Community Media plays an integral role in our community by providing greater access for Vermonters to keep up to date with local issues and topics. It is because of public access television, that home-bound people can learn about issues that are relevant to their community, and individuals that face transportation difficulties, or scheduling conflicts due to work or childcare, can virtually attend public meetings and remain informed citizens.

This local presence enables the residents of our Burlington, Vermont 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 PEG Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

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