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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Promoting Innovation and Competition in the Provision of Multichannel Video Programming Distribution Services (DN 14-261)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of Middleborough Community Cable Access Media (MCCAM).

We are concerned about the impact the proposed rulemaking (DN 14-261) will have on our organization and our ability to provide Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access services to our community. We strongly support the comments and reply comments of the City of San Antonio and of Anne Arundel County *et al.* in this proceeding.

We are particularly concerned about the rulemaking's proposal to classify over-the-top (OTT) video services provided by cable franchise holders as something other than a "cable service." Such a designation would allow cable franchise holders to undercut their public interest obligations.

MCCAM (Middleborough Community Cable Access Media) is a Town run Government and Public Access Studio. The Education channel is operated at the local middle school at MET (Middleborough Education TV). MCCAM operates 100% on the PEG fees we receive from Comcast and Verizon. Without the funding MCCAM would have to close its doors. MCCAM employs two full time people and has an active volunteer base that receives stipends for coverage of all the events and meetings they cover for the town. All of our programming is important to the 8000+ subscribers/residents of Middleborough whether it be one of the 15-20 meetings we cover each month, the locally produced public

programming or the many school activities and meetings covered by the Education TV program. The people that rely on our programming the most are the elderly and shut-ins that watch from home. We also are here for local organizations and residents who wish to spread the word to the Community either by video or with Public Service Announcements on our on air bulletin board that airs between programs. Free training is available and access to use the MCCAM video & editing equipment. We provide the connection to Community to all of the meetings and events in Town. This valuable resource can only be provided if the funding from the subscribers through Comcast and Verizon continues.

We ask the Commission not to diminish these vital PEG public interest requirements as it considers this proposed rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted.

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Cc: Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O’Rielly