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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 the Converse
Community Initiative, a not-for-profit
volunteer organization working with the City of
Converse, Texas to set up and operate Public,
Education, and Government (PEG) cable
television channels, to provide learning
experiences to students and citizens, to help
obtain equipment and studio and production
facilities to help make the Converse City
government more transparent.

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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.

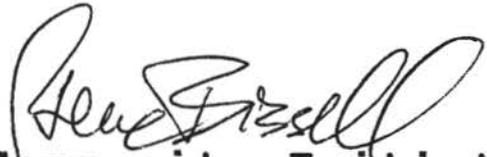
We are particularly concerned about the rulemaking's proposal to classify over-the-top (OTT) video services provided by cable franchise holders as something other than a "cable service." Such a designation would allow cable franchise holders to undercut their public interest obligations.

At this time, the impact of losing PEG fees, and PEG channel capacity in our community will affect us greatly. We will be adversely affected by diminished or eliminated PEG support and services because we will have nothing to work for if the City no longer receives the PEG funding. The City of Converse, Texas at present is utilizing PEG funds for non-PEG access expenditures. Our organization's main thrust is making sure the PEG funds are used for setting up the access channels for cable television. We act as the "community watchdog" for our local PEG funds.

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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Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly