

I am very much in FAVOR of the "Unlock the Box" Proposal. As a senior citizen I have experienced an enormous increase in the cost of cable television. Originally cablevision was advertised as a way to watch television without commercials thus the need to pay for the service. Now cable television has more commercials than programming and the cost to view has increased enormously. In addition to monopolizing television viewing they then proceeded to monopolize add on service.

They turned around and once again offered us television without commercials called Premium viewing for a fee on top of the fee to watch what use to be free regular television. If that wasn't enough they began to add on devises and services all at a premium to us the consumer.

THIS HAS TO STOP! I am hoping that the "Unlock the Box" will be a true proposal that will benefit the consumer. It should NOT allow cable companies to charge for the use of these alternative boxes and they should make sure they stream their programming properly to those who chose to use alternative boxes. The consumer boxes should also be able to record and save to disk if need be.

The current satellite boxes often do not work and they are programmed from the cable main offices. Thus cable companies could ultimately prevent or limit the programs that are capable to view on the alternative boxes. Thus the law should require that they ensure that all programs are allowed. Should cable companies wish to charge fees or limit services they should be fined for this. I would suggest a timeline for cable company compliance be incorporated within the law.

Thank you for thinking about us the consumers, especially those of us who are senior citizens who are on a fixed income and experiencing a cable bill of well over \$100 for minimal television viewing which does NOT include any premium channels or services.