

March 29, 2016

Easton Community Access Television
50 Oliver St. Suite 201a
North Easton, MA 02356

Re: Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video (DN 16-41)

I am writing on behalf of Easton Community Access Television. We operate a community TV station for the public, education and government access in Easton, Massachusetts. We reach approximately 7200 subscribers.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information for the FCC's inquiry,

The FCC asks the following questions regarding Public, Educational and Government Access channels in the inquiry:

"We seek comment on MVPD's practices with respect to making PEG programming information available to subscribers. To the extent that MVPDs do not make this information available, is this for technical reasons, and if so, can the technical barriers be surmounted? Is the Congressionally-imposed prohibition against editorial control of PEG channels relevant to this issue? What is the source of the Commission's authority in this area, if any?"

Our greatest hurdle in developing and retaining viewership is our inability to list programs on the IPG. Our Town leaders, organizations, residents and schools all ask for these service to enable our resident viewers to find programs to watch live or DVR for later viewing on our 3 channels.

The FCC also asks a series of questions about the ability of independent channels to achieve distribution on MVPD systems and the negotiating practices of MVPDs.

The entire production operation at Easton Community Access Television is already HD. The only part of the signal chain that isn't HD is playback is dictated from our cable providers - Comcast and Verizon. We could broadcast in HD tomorrow if granted an HD channel.

It can be difficult to assess our technical standards relevant to other channels as we are limited by broadcasting in Standard definition in a 4:3 aspect ratio, while content appears on the 16:9 sized screen. Additionally, the number of available monitoring cable boxes that can be setup at our master control room head end limits what we are able to monitor simultaneously.

We appreciate the opportunity to enter this information into the record.

Sincerely,



Jason Daniels, Executive Director
Easton Community Access Television