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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of Willamette Falls Media Center. WFMC is supported by cable subscribers of Damascus, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Wilsonville and the unincorporated regions of Clackamas County. As a public access facility and community media center WFMC provides cities with channel management services, is a production training facility, a host agency for internships and senior job skill building, and media support, for local events. WFMC manages five local cable channels. These PEG Channels are the community's Public, Education and Government Channels. WFMC also provides programming for a sixth channel known as the Cable Access Network (CAN) Channel. This channel cablecasts out to Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas County. This channel is reserved for local producers. 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?”

WFMC does not have IPG.

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.

Unable to achieve HD distribution as our City customers do not have HD and are in negotiations with cable company.

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

Sincerely,

Melody Ashford,  
Executive Director  
Willamette Falls Media Center