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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket # 16-41 "Video Programming Diversity NOI"

****Addendum****

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My name is David Garb, and I am the current President of the Jersey Access Group (JAG). JAG is a professional advisory organization that informs, educates, and recommends in the areas of technology, legislation, and regulation that shape and direct the use of multi-communication platforms for content creators and distributors on behalf of municipalities, educational institutions, and other public media facilities.

I had wrote to you regarding MB Docket #16-41 a couple weeks back, but an issue had recently come up that I feel needs to be mentioned in the NOI.

One of our citizens came to us because they were not able to record their Township's Council Meeting on their DVR Cable Box. They are on the Cablevision System here in New Jersey, and no matter what they tried, it will not allow them record it.

The resident was complaining to Cablevision about this and could not get a straight answer as to why this happened. Cablevision first told them it's because it's analog and not digital. But the man refuted Cablevision's idea with the fact that their signal is digital to the cable box and so is the box and TV.

Then Cablevision tried to tell them you can't record the show because of copyright laws. Again that makes no sense because 1) It's government and open to the public and 2) what about every other show you can DVR on TV that really is copyrighted.

The resident related that Cablevision back peddled out of that again.

Since this was JAG's first time ever hearing of this, we asked our members if anyone else has run in to this issue. We challenged whoever had a DVR Cable Box in Cablevision areas to try and record their channel. We also asked other PEG channels to also set up a manual record.

JAG has found that it is true in Cablevision land. It seems that Cablevision on most (if not all of its DVR boxes) has moved to a new cloud-based recording system. Because of this, their system does not record PEG Stations, Pay-Per-View and Music Channels.

And it appears that this decision was intentional on Cablevision's part. The new cloud-based system will not even allow a manual record (or any recording) of the station.

Again, just a new twist in the way PEG Channels are being discriminated upon.

Thank you.

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