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This is outright blackmail and/or coercion by the entities filing said petition and cable providers to force Americans to accept a rental DTA box from their local cable provider or be denied digital service. Most providers are aware that TV's with built-in QAM tuners will still receive digital broadcasts, hence their position of "take the box or we wont provide service". Since when is blackmail /coercion/force legal in the United States? As it seems the Emergency Broadcasting System will be affected by this proposal, persons who can barely afford cable or satellite digital service now, let alone the added expense of the box, or those persons who refuse to be raped by cable providers will be denied access to national emergency information, as well as simple family entertainment. Please do not allow this petition to proceed as it is one more affront being forced on legal American citizens and benefits noone but the filing entities and cable providers. Should this petition be granted, then a provision MUST be made that the DTA boxes shall be provided LIFETIME FREE to all subscribers. Thank you.