

I am a subscriber to Cox Cable in Tucson, Arizona. Access Tucson has been a leader in providing community television. Furthermore, it provides citizens of the area classes in video production.

Public access channels are vital to the Tucson community and provide access to information not provided by commercial channels. Our public access channels include independent media sources like Pacifica's "Democracy Now" and documentaries from Free Speech TV. These programs are vital to democracy because they keep us informed and provide a broader range of perspectives as well as deeper analysis than does the shallow, commercially driven, "infotainment" provided by the corporate media.

I strongly believe a portion of our cable fees should continue to fund Access Tucson. I strongly oppose having this funding cut. The fees we pay for Access Tucson are a vital and effective contribution to informed citizens and a vital democracy.