

Dear FCC, I am writing regarding your “Notice of Proposed Rulemaking” 05-311 on “video franchising.”As a viewer and supporter of public access TV I cannot urge you enough to allow us, the people of America, to continue having access to local news and information, not-for-profit news and information, and minority news and information. To remove our access to these in an age where TV has become the major medium of receiving news, would be tantamount to cutting off an important part of our democratic possibilities. The grave and present danger of having all television access controlled by profit-making corporations is that any information– however true and vital it may be – not to the liking of those corporations remains unsaid, unseen and unheard. That would be giving democracy and democratic values a hard swift kick in the butt.