

As a independent media maker, I can't begin to stress how important access to a diverse range of voices and information sources is for the average person—citizen—taxpayer.

In this age of media consolidation, internet news which often has no independent verification, and VNRs which are released without disclaimers, I am thankful that we still have some noncommercial sources such as PEG TV channels to help bring local community voices to the forefront.

PEG TV channels reflect the local community through programming for under-represented communities such as minorities, seniors, disabled and others neglected by the commercial media. In many communities, PEG provides the only coverage of local government, while CSPAN keeps us informed on the federal level. Eliminating PEG will reduce the opportunity for citizens to be informed about local government issues, and hinder the ability of government to function in an open and democratic way.

As an independent producer, PEG and AccesSF are the only means by which an individuals, such as myself can freely or affordably access the tools and training to produce my own programming and express a point-of-view, otherwise unseen in the barrage of corporate-sponsored media. Democracy works best when the widest range of ideas and opinions are circulated. PEG TV is a “marketplace of ideas”, and plays a important role in our democracy.

Won't you please support the “free marketplace”?

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