

I am writing in support of keeping public access public and available. It is a great thing to have citizens exercising their first amendment rights in expressing information and entertainment for others viewing. I live in Burlington, Vermont and have access to some great local shows that are reflections of the richness and diversity in Vermont's largest city. I have lived in more rural sections of my State and where there is no public access programming and I support this medium and urge that it be kept available.

A short while while ago, I saw a piece done through a local community college about how history classes (social studies) have changed over the last decades. I learned that history teachers in Vermont are presenting material that focuses on time periods of the past, rather than the memorizations of individual nation states and their conquests, which is what I remember learning. Viewing this short program gave me hope and pride in the hard work that is being done in my area locally. I would not have had this opportunity without public access television.

Please keep this kind of programming available and accessible to the greatest number of people. Thanks for taking the time to read this.