

I am writing in regards to the impending FCC decision affecting PEG Community Access television. PEG Community access tv is a vital and necessary part of our community. I say this as a member of IBEW 1212, the very same union as Verizon. PEG Community Access TV covers local government, and offers more local coverage than all the corporate channels combined, without censorship. With corporate media, the bottomline is the corporate sponsor. If the advertisers do not like the news content, the news is cut, and producers fired. ie, Jane Akre and her husband were hired by Fox as an investigative journalist team. They were fired over the RBGH in milk story- the hormone made by Monsanto to improve milk sales proved to be harmful to the public, and Monsanto demanded the story be cut. They edited their story down to air, and still were fired for doing exactly what they were hired to do.

The news is more and more often censored, and with any further cuts, we will be a community cut off from actual news. Our society is under a new red scare with a media owned by the ruling administration. Fair and Balanced reporting seems to be a thing of the ancient past with corporate media. Disney owns ABC. The public owns PEG community access tv. To close down our last news outlet in America would be nothing short of dictatorship overtaking our airwaves. I implore you to reconsider any cuts to the PEG community access tv.

Sincerely,

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