

To: Federal Communications Commission

My name is Josh Mayes and I am a supporter of Public Access Television. I live in New York and watch Manhattan Neighborhood Network. I understand that the FCC is making a "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on video franchising. I am upset to learn that the FCC is considering eliminating local franchising with this ruling. Local franchises are important to the operation of Public, Educational and Governmental TV (PEG TV). If these local franchises are nullified, local programming that is important to communities across the United States will be lost. These programs offer a variety of shows and viewpoints not available on commercial broadcast networks. They are the heart and soul of communities and they allow organizations and individuals to share their opinions democratically. I hope that the FCC will rule in favor of keeping local franchises so this medium will not be destroyed.

Sincerely,

Josh Mayes