

I am a volunteer social justice public access producer in Vancouver, Washington. National legislation that would restrict our local citizens ability to voice their thoughts over a public access media or restrict the ability of our citizens to create locally produced community programming must be carefully guarded against in this age of excessive corporate power and influence.

I film community lectures at both Washington State University and Clark college in Vancouver. Without public access these powerful voices would be heard only by a handful. Through public access the voices go into 330,000 homes in Vancouver and Portland and increasingly into 26 million homes through Free Speech TV. Such is the power of a local public media in protecting and advancing the diversity of debate within our country.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, is more important to our citizens future safety then a free media of the people.