

The recent rulemaking designed to increase competition is not in the public interest, convenience and necessity. Competition is a good idea but not at the expense of the only truly local content we have left, Public, Educational, and Government channels. These channels are funded at a bare bones level as it is. Any reduction in funding and they will not survive. The rulemaking of Dec 20th from last year does exactly that. Franchise fees are reduced, PEG capital costs and channel values are deducted, and no provisions for growth of PEG channels or funding exist. The millions of tax payers who use these channels are outraged and we will not forget. **DO NOT ALLOW THESE RULES TO APPLY TO CABLE INCUMBANTS.** The FCC does not have the authority to apply these rules to cities and states. Please do not compromise the public interest, convenience and necessity by further restricting public, educational and government channels in this manner. We value our community access channels and we are confident you can find a way to introduce competition **WITHOUT** compromising our last remaining local television sources.