

We ask the FCC to preserve PEG Channels by granting the petitions of the Alliance for Community Media CRS-8126, the City of Lansing, Michigan CSR-8127 and the City of Dearborn, Michigan CSR-8128. These petitions will stop the harmful acts by AT&T, Comcast and others to make these channels hard to find, hard to tune, impossible to record on DVR, impossible to reach by channel surfing, impossible to add closed captioning or a second language, off channel guides, and too expensive when placed on costly digital tiers.

I am given to understand that the air waves belong to the public. Since most of the public now receives their television via cable and satellite, it follows that equal access should be granted local channels. With the demise of newspapers and the limited access of computers hooked to the internet, cable and satellite access becomes a very important factor. Please do not let the giant corporations squeeze out local channels in this way. You will only give rise to populist answers which will ultimately mean a battle for airwaves.

Our community depends on PEG channels. We think our community is important, and we want our channels treated with the same quality and care as broadcast and out-of town satellite channels. We fairly negotiated a profitable cable TV franchise that provided channels and support and we expect these channels to be here now and in the future. We ask the FCC to act now to deliver the intent of Congress and grant all three petitions.