

I 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.

Community Television is the one place I can count on finding local community events covered. In a world where there is more and more disintegration of family and interconnectedness within local communities, places where Community Television is available offers the community a way to connect with each other. Listen: we have to stop the corporate mongering over our lives. We deserve to work and play with each other; not be thrown in competition constantly with each other in the marketplace instigated by most other channels. A T & T needs to be reprimanded. I will be changing my cable internet provider since this is the kind of business they conduct.

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.