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Ms. Marilyn Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket 09-13 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access Channels, Alliance for Community Media CRS-8126, the City of Lansing, Michigan CSR-8127 and the City of Dearborn, Michigan CSR-8128.

We ask the FCC to preserve local 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 that will make PEG channels less accessible to the public in each community.

AT&T's system makes these PEG channels hard to find, deprived of timed DVR recording capability, deprived of channel surfing capability and deprived of closed captioning or a second audio program. PEG channel offerings will be further invisible to viewers due to AT&T excluding PEG program information from program listings and channel guides. In Michigan, the Dearborn petition notes problems created there when Comcast placed PEG channels in a less accessible location with added expense to the customer.

Access has become expected in Atlanta since People TV grew out of the Civil Rights Movement. Even today we have a weekly talk show on black issues hosted by James Patrick, "Alley Pat," an aide to Dr. Martin Luther King. Other programming projects include documentaries we have shot on the various neighborhoods in Fulton Count, preserving the history of our community through the stories of our elderly neighbors and exhibited in community centers, on our channel, streamed on the internet and available on the People TV website as video on demand.

Our community programming is important and we depend on PEG channels for this local perspective. PEG channels must be treated with the same quality and care as broadcast and out-of town satellite channels. Our community fairly negotiated a cable TV franchise that provided for local channels and support. We need and expect those channels to be here now and in the future.

We ask the FCC to act now to preserve the intent of Congress and grant all three petitions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlotte L. Engel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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CEO & General Manger