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Ms. Marilyn Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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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.

In this era of rapidly shrinking local media outlets, PEG access channels and the Community Media Centers that facilitate the creation of local content are a rare and valuable resources. There is no reasonable excuse for these huge corporation to violate the laws that were established by Congress to permit the creation and distribution of local discussion and dialogue on a broad range of community issues and activities.

In Sacramento, CA. the community programming that is distributed on Access Sacramento is important and we depend on PEG channels for 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,

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