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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.

**Our local PEG access channels, CCTV Salem, have been helping local non-profit organizations, schools and local governments to reach our community through television for nearly 20 years. Over the years CCTV Salem has grown from a shared channel to three, have built a dynamic website, taught media literacy and television productions skills to local residents and provided a new, modern community TV center and equipment to help people make shows.**

**I myself became familiar with their service to our community when representatives from CCTV Salem reached out to help the non-profit organization I work and volunteer for. With few financial resources and fewer human resources, their outreach and continued support has literally been a godsend to our organization!**

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,  
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