

Even though it enjoys a virtual monopoly, the cable television industry suffers very little regulation. It has an awesome power. It can determine its own rates, formulate channel tiers, and select the channels it will carry, with barely any interference from the public or agencies of state, local or federal governments.

Sadly, the consumer's interests have been, in the meantime, forgotten. It is long overdue for the consumer's interests to be given attention and consideration when the FCC makes its rules. Please exercise your power on behalf of those of us without any. Provide some balance to the relationship between this monopolistic industry and the consumer by giving the public per channel ala carte programming. In that way consumers will be allowed to exercise some control (i.e., choice) over what they purchase and how much they can or will spend to access cable television services.

Thank you.