

January 19, 2011  
Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Public, Education and government  
Programming, MB Dock No. 09-13; CSR-8126, CSR8127

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I have read the emergency petition filed by the McAllen Independent School District, asking the FCC to issue a standstill order that prevents cable operators from changing the way in which they deliver PEG in a manner that makes the channels less accessible or more expensive, pending resolution of the issues in this docket.

I Support this petition and urge the commission to promptly issue the requested order. PEG channels should be available to all subscribers- there should be no barriers to receiving them. My community used PEG Channel in all areas. We record all city/county/township meetings. Along with letting any members of the public create programming, even people with disabilities and/or hardships.

Universal availability is very import to our members of the public because we can promote and create programs for our communities. Currently we live in a conglomerate society where big business runs the show and small voices are hard to hear. Which reminds me, how can you approve the merge of Comcast -NBC? Once again I see how your commission is for the big guys and cares nothing for small business. We need to keep PEG channels open for the public and easy to view. Your commission needs to start thinking about the small guys and stop giving into the ones who throw money at your feet.

By granting the petition, the commission will maintain the status quo while it considers the broader issues in the docket. The Cable Act requires cable operators to satisfy a limited number of public interest obligations as a condition of the grant or a valuable franchise. One of the most important are the obligation as a condition with respect to PEG Allowing operators to evade or erode those obligations is inconsistent with the basic purpose of the Cable Act.

Very yours truly,

Jan Howard