

Re: Basic Service Tier Encryption, MB Docket No. 11-169;

As a private citizen, I wanted to express my feelings on this issue before the FCC. As I understand the cable industry's desire for basic services encryption, they are grasping for another means to thrash the subscriber for more profits. I have a set box, which I hate, to gain access to "more than basic" encrypted channels in my family room. I specifically chose not rent more boxes for the other TV's in the home because of the expense required to equip the other TVs. The current box is a power hog and regularly needs rebooted in order to function. I keep it because I have no alternative available to access the few channels I like that aren't included in the basic line up. I do not want, nor care for, the added money generating features the cable company jams into the selections. I don't do premium movie packages, pay-per-view, or On-Demand anything. My interest lies in having basic TV services to my home without having to pay for the other superfluous offerings that the cable companies push to the public.

Encrypting basic services gives the cable company complete control over MY television sets in MY home. It is an ugly step backward to the days when they used to gouge the public by charging fees per TV set. I am not swayed by proposals to combat piracy, by crippling my TVs, and introducing more hardware fees to see the channels I'm ALREADY paying for. I also simply do not believe some fairy tale about remote service that will be of any benefit to me. They will still use marginal technology, because they'll have no hardware competition for the consumer to turn to. And if the cable company isn't rolling trucks to service problems, then that means the consumer will bear the brunt of hauling equipment back and forth, for no reduction in the consumer monthly fee and higher cable company profits. The current system works for lower income families, and those that choose not to throw money at the cable companies. My bill is high enough, bloated with services and channels I don't want, to ever consider a reason for allowing more profit generating burden on my household.