



**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS**

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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**Re: In the Matter of Basic Service Tier Encryption, Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment  
MB Docket No. 11-69, PP Docket No. 00-67**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters Education Fund is working with advocates and government leaders to address transportation issues as they impact our environment and quality of life in the state. It is our belief that Cablevision's proposal to eliminate the rule prohibiting encryption of a cable system's Basic service tier will render noteworthy environmental and public health benefits.

As we understand, if Cablevision is allowed to encrypt its signal it could turn service on and off remotely rather than sending a technician in a vehicle out to the premises. Allowing this in New York City resulted in 99% fewer truck rolls throughout the city each year. This led to fewer tailpipe emissions, reduced carbon emission and decreased traffic congestion, all of which amount to a more sustainable city. We would like to see the same result in Connecticut.

Cablevision's service area in CT is primarily located in the Bridgeport/Norwalk/Stamford (SWCT) corridor, a densely populated region that faces chronic and severe traffic congestion. As a result, this region continues to experience significant ongoing air-quality challenges. If implemented, this proposed operational change will provide benefits to Connecticut by reducing the deployment of Cablevision service vehicles in this region.

We support the Commission's proposal and urge you to act expeditiously so that other areas of the country can reap the environmental benefits experienced from encryption by New York City residents.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

Lori Brown  
Executive Director

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