

Mason Fritz
Tucson, Arizona
85719

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

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Scott Primeau
Grand Blanc, Michigan
48439

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Chris Barrett
Michigan
48130

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Beyond this, it will literally invalidate every QAM tuner built into televisions, forcing consumers to shell out even more money to cable companies. Cable companies have consistently raised prices on these rentals, charging as much as \$8 per box, per month. For a family with four TVs, this change would force a \$32/month increase immediately. This would price Cable TV out of many families homes. Many families will rent a single box and watch only broadcast channels on their other TVs to save cost.

Daniel Irwin
Sammamish, Washington
98074

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. I am a home theater hobbyist and I have built a home television viewing environment that works very well without need for a dedicated cable box. My choice was based on two main factors - first: rising costs of advanced cable programming coupled with no perceived improvements to quality of programming, and second: a desire to decrease my household's demand for electric power. On the first note, our cable bill for TV service with one HD DVR set top box provided by Comcast Corporation rose from roughly \$63/month to roughly \$90/month in the four-year period from May 2007 to May 2011. I analyzed our household's viewing patterns and observed that roughly 90% of total viewing was spread between currently unencrypted channels and online services (Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Video On Demand). To that end, I purchased an OTA capable HD Homerun TV tuner and a power-efficient Intel Atom/nVidia Ion 2 based Home Theater PC. We then returned the Comcast cable box and downgraded from their Digital Starter package to their Limited Cable Service (dropping our bill by roughly \$75/month to \$15.44/month). I am better served by this arrangement as I have tuned the system to the needs of my household while saving \$75/month. On the second note, the Comcast-provided HD DVR did not function normally when powered off during periods of non-use, so it remained powered on constantly with an average consumption of about 45W (measured with a P3 Kill-A-Watt EZ). This equates to 394 kWh/year. With my new arrangement, the HDHomerun device draws 6W continuously (52.6 kWh/year), and the Home Theater PC draws roughly 30W for an average of 6 hours/day while awake and roughly 3W for an average of 18 hours/day while in sleep mode, for a projection of 85.4 kWh/year, yielding a total of 138 kWh/year. My new setup without the cable box provides a better user-experience with a savings of roughly 256 kWh/year. Not only is this about \$25 in electricity savings, but it's 256 kWh less electricity that our local utility needs to generate from its coal-fired or natural gas power plant (while PSE does generate a great deal of electricity from hydroelectric dams, I believe their marginal power generation comes from coal or natural gas as the hydro generation only meets 1/3 of their total demand.)

All of this to say - please allow me to continue to experiment with my home entertainment solution as I see fit. Unencrypted basic tier cable is a big piece of that puzzle and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on consumers.

Jeremy Milum
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
35405

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John Baugher
Livonia, Michigan
48154

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Since my wife has lost her job it is our intention to eliminate much of our existing cable service. My job requires Internet access so I cannot "cut the cord" entirely. Being able to reduce our bill significantly by eliminating the requirement for cable set top boxes by going to "basic cable" is presently an option for us now but would be eliminated if the action proposed by the cable conglomerates is taken.

By the way, I am perfectly capable of connecting and disconnecting a cable from the back of my T.V.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Keith Griffin
ATLANTA, Georgia
30324

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Andrew Bloxom
21758

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Rama Bandi
monmouth jct, New Jersey
8852

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Christopher Lloyd
Santa Monica, California
90403

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Ryan Rockey
White Lake, Michigan
48386

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Most TVs sold in the states already have a tuner card that works with current cable signals. Adding encryption and a tuner box not only complicates the home television setup, but it's also very wasteful. Being unnecessary, it's a waste of manufacturing, a waste of electricity, a waste of an HDMI port, wasted subscriber money for the rental of such devices and so on. There's no need or benefit for this.

I understand that some people are able to steal cable by tapping into live lines. The cable company may think that they will gain customers if they can prevent such access. I beg to differ. If someone cannot afford cable, they cannot afford it. Getting the service for free is the same as not getting it in this case.

I'm a cord cutter myself. Years ago, fed up with the way Comcast treats its subscribers, I discontinued service. Not everyone values cable service as highly as the providers do.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this policy.

Suzanne Smith
Santa Barbara, California
93101

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Philip Slaymaker
Colorado
80027

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier, which includes the retransmission of the local OTA (over-the-air) TV stations, is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties, in particular the impact to the Public. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market, as well as innovative products already on the market and currently used by cable subscribers. For example, at least 413 QAM TV tuners for use with unencrypted cable are on the market according to a quick search at Amazon.com, with similar results for TV video recorders. Some are designed to allow watching TV on ones computer as well as on regular TVs.

Many millions of cable subscribers, I suspect, watch the local OTA TV stations directly on a least one of their TVs using the unencrypted QAM signals on the cable. Why else would the FCC require new TVs to have digital tuners that receive QAM signals? And many of the cable subscribers use the aforementioned QAM TV tuners with their cable subscriptions.

I can think of no reason for encrypting the retransmission of the local OTA TV stations by the cable companies - there is certainly no benefit to the Public. The result of widespread encryption of cable's basic tier would make obsolete and useless all of the currently used QAM TV tuners, both in TVs and standalone, that cable subscribers legally use. The cable companies would then have an almost absolute monopoly on the equipment used by the cable subscribers, with an increase in cost to subscribers and a decrease in features, capability and innovation. This is equivalent to reverting the entire US telephone system back to the days when customers could only use phones and other equipment approved by the phone company and rented from the phone company.

The FCC's first duty is to protect the Public - keeping unencrypted access to cable's basic tier, which includes the retransmission of the local OTA TV stations, does that.

David Starling
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
37122

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I personally have at least 2 TVs that use QAM in the clear programming for local stations. I have no desire to get STBs for these TVs for additional costs. I could put up an Antenna, but I currently pay for cable service on other TVs and Cable Modem service. It seems like a step backwards to lose the unencrypted basic tier.

This also provides access to emergency alerts and radar images during inclement weather on the local broadcast channels.

The digital transition at least had benefits for both the Cable Company and the Consumer, but I do not see any consumer value in allowing encryption of the basic tier.

Best Regards,

Paul Rodriguez
Las Vegas, Nevada
89141

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I have recently subscribed to basic "starter" cable for the sole purpose of tuning local broadcast stations. For the cable companies to require me to pay an additional monthly fee to connect a box between my TV and the wall for these basic stations seems like a waste of resources and electricity.

Ken Odom
Georgia
30338

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Mark Felling
Maple Grove, Minnesota
55311

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Since when is it government's job to stifle competition in favor of protecting outdated cable companies who are trying to protect against innovation in new technologies.

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We use these unique new technologies such as the Boxee Box to provide greater access at lower cost to services for our disabled customers who have limited or no use of their hands and arms. Stifling innovation in one industry also stifles innovation in many others! The consequences of stifling any innovation are far-flung and cannot be completely anticipated!

I understand part of this legislation would also allow free over the air signals to be encrypted. TV delivered over the Internet will be the norm in less than five years and is something I have already been using for many years although I am an early adopter. It is completely illogical for the FCC to put restrictions on innovating services like Netflix in favor of protecting overcharging by cable companies for updated services and technologies.

it is not the FCC's job to create private monopolies in specific local regions!

Mark Felling

President, Broadened Horizons Inc.

Manufacturer of unique assistive technologies for disabled individuals with limited or no use of their hands and arms.

Jason Coffey
San Francisco, California
94127

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There seems to be no benefit to consumers in making this change and only a few cable companies benefiting. Please continue to allow unencrypted access.

Thank you.

Jason Coffey

James Keenan
95404

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Brandon Olson
Salem, Oregon
97305

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Furthermore this action seems to step into Antitrust territory. This is will only hurt consumers, in an environment where content providers are already continuing to increase prices, while conversely their cost for delivering content has decreased. Allowing these actions would stymie competition and increase monopolistic behavior.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew ennamorato
Denver, Colorado
80224

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Unfortunately, this is apparently too late for my area (Denver, CO) as the local oligopoly Comcast required me to "update" my basic cable service to one that required their digital equipment. In the process, they downgraded my signal from HD to SD.

Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market.

Comcast and other providers that have a legal stranglehold on physical access should be required to compete with startups and other innovative companies and not rest on their laurels.

Dwight Fromm
California
92067

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Steve Adams
, Florida
34112

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FCC, you've already allowed COMCAST in Florida to force a free box on us. We didn't need this vampire electricity eater. Don't make an additional mistake by allowing all cable operators to suck more money from consumers.

Billy Newman
Lone tree, Colorado
80124

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Luther Miller
Berkeley, California
94709

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Sidney Partridge
Chicago, Illinois
60657

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It's important that we do not stifle creativity and ingenuity in this country, and encrypting all cable signals would do just that. The cable companies are in a dying business, and they know it. Instead of adapting to the emerging markets within the U.S., they are trying to stifle competition and force customers into spending more money for cumbersome products and sub-par customer service.

Free enterprise dictates that we must allow for competition and can not allow for policies that stifle this competition. In my opinion, this is exactly what the cable companies are after. They can not adapt fast enough to the changing market, or are unwilling to change their strategy to meet current demand; but instead are using their deep pockets to lobby for policies that benefit only them, and are even doing so under false pretense.

Please don't allow the cable companies to continue down their current path of bullying customers and stifling competition that isn't convenient for them.

Thank you!

Kevin Burkhart
Loveland, Colorado
80537

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Joe Amato
Sterling, Massachusetts
1564

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I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier.

I feel it is the responsibility of cable providers to produce the equivalent of over the air (OTA) service without the need for external hardware subject to absurd rental fees. These cable companies have been granted monopolies on their local geographies and requiring rental hardware to decrypt 'basic' tier service is an abuse of the consumer.

David Grant
Austin, Texas
78732

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Keith Waxelman
Illinois
60654

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I work in technology and see most of the up-and-coming connected devices. I believe we will see more innovation in the near future, enabling greater choice (and healthy competition) in the marketplace. I believe the MSOs are trying to keep their relevance with the market (especially younger generations) but are not above trying to lock the market down and stifle competition if they can. I believe we should let the free market decide what is the best solution.

Thanks,

clint gordon-carroll
84058

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Paul Ottaviano
Oregon
97006

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If the cable lobby convinces you to force television viewers into using either a cable box, cable card, or limited basic just to view broadcast channels that were at one time free over-the-air then more people will cut the cord entirely, not less.

I ask that you act in the best interests of consumers and innovation, not in the best interests of a cable TV company with local monopoly.

Thank you for your time.

Ed Peters
Lafayette, Colorado
80026

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

If you allow this to happen, I will lose all my QAM tuners (including the two on TVs that the FCC forced onto TV manufactures with the introduction of Digital, that I agreed with). Please do not do this, the Cable companies have too much power and control as it is, and this will make their power complete. Also, if Comcast can afford to buy a TV network, how can they possibly be losing money?

Patricia Warren
Bloomington, Illinois
61704

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Chris Humble
New Providence, Pennsylvania
17560

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

When did the FCC become responsible for protecting the profits of major companies and not protecting the rights of the citizens of the United States? I already pay for access to the cable company services and they should not be in total control of how I use these services within my home. I should be able to use these services in the manner intended, by my chosen method- not only those dictated by the cable company- which has a long history of slow innovation/acceptance of new technologies, and that place their profits ahead of customer's needs.

Cable companies have monopolistic control of their subscribers that is now expanding to the content itself- not just its delivery. The FCC needs to curb this extreme power grab by cable companies at the cost of the consumer.

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties.

In place of this misguided change, a better use of FCC time would be looking into regulating broadband access as a utility to limit the profiteering from this increasingly necessary service.

Ben Moore
Southaven, Mississippi
38671

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The requirement for the cable providers to provide unencrypted local over the air channels should not allow the cable provider to downgrade these channels from high definition to standard definition.

Nigel Pickering
Bartlett, Tennessee
38133

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Nicolas Watson
San Diego, California
92101

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Minesh Lad
California
94123

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Tucker Snedeker
Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey
7716

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I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market. I have used PC DVR software written by a startup that relies on unencrypted cable to service my TV needs for many years. This software provided far more features at a lower cost than I could get from my cable provider DVR and has saved me hundreds of dollars each year on my cable bills. This proposal to encrypt basic cable is extremely one sided and has no merit other than to force subscribers to get more equipment from the cable company. The Cable companies have been delivering cable unencrypted for many many years, so why is this suddenly a problem? It's obviously the declining subscriber numbers and threats to loose more and more business to innovative over the top internet competitors are the real driver.

Bennie Rutherford
Baltimore, Maryland
21244

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Kylir Horton
Eagle Mountain, Utah
84005

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Sean LeRoy
98065

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Mike O'Rourke
North Carolina
27603

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As an avid media consumer and a proponent of innovation in content delivery, I'm deeply concerned about the cable lobby's efforts to further restrict consumer options and reduce competition by allowing widespread encryption of basic cable programming.

I'm not alone in feeling that the cable industry's ongoing monopoly has resulted in consumers paying exorbitant service fees in order to view only a handful of programs. I believe that IP-based streaming and over-the-top services like Netflix and Hulu are in tune with what consumers want today, and the numbers seem to agree. The fact that cable companies lost over 376,000 customers in last year's third quarter alone shows that their programming, customer service, and most importantly pricing, are out of step with the consumer's expectations. I'm convinced that this unprecedented exodus from traditional cable would not have occurred without the presence of more attractive and affordable cable alternatives like Netflix, Hulu, and Boxee.

It seems clear to me that the cable companies' current effort to further restrict consumer options is an attempt to stem the tide that has already turned against them, not by providing more competitive service offerings, but by limiting consumer choice, and stifling innovation.

As such, I urge you to reject this attempt by cable companies to allow anti-consumer and anti-competitive practices like encrypting basic cable unless they provide a more open alternative.

Thank you for your consideration and continued diligence.

Samuel White
North Carolina
27021

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Federal Communications Commission
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Removing the mandate would break existing products, including some I own. Please do not give in to this proposal.

Robert Patterson
Charlotte, North Carolina
28278

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Cable companies already enjoy a monopoly, don't continue increasing their power over consumers in this way.

Sarmad Siddiqui
Pennsylvania
19104

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I hope that the FCC delays any action that would allow encryption of basic cable. Encrypting the feed will not have any advantage (or cost savings) to the consumer or the the environment. The only thing it will do is restrict development of new, better devices to improve the way we consume entertainment. The companies for encryption have not learned to adapt, and instead of innovating, are just trying to generate further revenue from a dying and failing business model.

ALEXANDER DUKHON
RICHBORO, Pennsylvania
18954

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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David Farnan
Oklahoma
73107

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Encrypted basic cable provides a horrible end user experience. Millions of Americans have HD TVs that are capable of watching HD cable right off the wire without a box.

I have a horrible story about Comcast misleading customers and "upgrading" our cable infrastructure while downgrading our service at the same time. This year visiting my grandfather I noticed that all of his HD TVs were showing horribly stretched SD signals. Upon further inquiry I discovered that Comcast had "upgraded" the local infrastructure and in doing so encrypted all of the channels. Because my grandfather decided not to give them more money for more HD boxes they gave him free SD only cable boxes. These devices offer no settings to control the picture size and no way to display HD signals; whereas his television already had this built in. They are taking advantage of the average consumer by forcing them to pay more for what they already have. Not to mention now each TV in the house now has to have one of these boxes.

I'm ashamed of the way they treated my grandfather and he canceled his service because of it. He had no clue that they had cheated him into paying for worse service, and I don't think that this is the way an 85 year old WWII veteran should be treated.

Rodney Arbogast
Reno, Nevada
89434

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James Henriques
6023

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I have limited means, and recently spent, to me, a considerable amount of money for a device that may be force obsolete by these rules. I'm still within the return timeframe, so I would undoubtedly return this device thus causing even more economic problems. Lobbyists are what is wrong the economy today. Doing this will hinder other companies from coming up with some good products that will employ more Americans, and put more money into the economy.

Keith Mutchler
17104

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to end any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, it is already necessary to purchase a 200.00 piece of equipment to stop the cable company from gouging 15.00 a month from me for a dvr for time recording. Something I can no longer do with a vcr, because they will be dropping support for analog.

Nathan Kesegi
Pennsylvania
18015

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Jeremy Borden
Edwardsville, Kansas
66111

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me.

The only cable option available to me including internet is Time Warner. I have seen my cable prices go up \$20 a month in the last 2 years while they have cut the number of channels that I get. The cable box that TW rents is terrible, and has needed to be replaced 3 times in the past 2 years. I find it unfair that I would need to pay TW another \$10/mo to rent another lousy box to put in my bedroom when I get all I need there with a simple coax run.

The cable companies only concern in attempting to encrypt clear QAM is to force all of their customers to rent a box for every tv in their home, nothing else. This would not benefit any consumers only pad the cable co's profit margin.

John-Paul Stewart
98029

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Many of us in the US live in areas that do not receive arial television channels. Local channels for instance are thus only available via cable. Encrypting this content would remove my ability to watch tv at my house entirely as I rely on QAM tuning to watch TV. Replacing a high definition qam tuner with a cheap 1990s box that only outputs composite video that looks worse than a VCR seems like stepping back in time 20 years. Why in the world would you approve the cable companies to make a move like this.

In reality what you would be doing is really ending television entirely as I believe everyone will just stop watching and rely more on their computers.

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market.

Josh Elges
Chicago, Illinois
60642

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Andy Woodruff
97229

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I am a technical user that prefers to minimize complexity. I use cable instead of OTA for broadcast TV because I live in the hills in an urban area and reception is difficult. Since I only want OTA channels, clearQAM was the perfect solution with no additional cable boxes / complexity. If this change were made as proposed, it would result in a cable box at every TV in my home, I would also have to add HDMI switchboxes since I am out of open HDMI ports in two locations and I would incur additional rental fees from the cable provider. My TVs do not have CableCard slots.

-AndyW

Sean Chitwood
Seattle, Washington
98133

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I am a basic cable user and use a TiVo box to record and watch TV. Adding 2 Cablecards would be a 25% increase in my cable bill with no benefit to me.

Alex Dugan
Watertown,MA, Massachusetts
2472

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Jaime Romero
Connecticut
6851

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We are a family without many means and rely on broadcast channels as our source of entertainment. Remove those and we have no access to news or information. Removing those are a tax on the middle class. Please side with the people and not the corporation in this one.

Nick Tippmann
Bloomington, Indiana
47404

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roy smith
20616

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Daniel Levy
10003

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Chris Dorr
10024

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Innovation in the medial delivery space is vital to our democracy and to our economy. The FCC should encourage this activity. Delay action on this encryption plan so a correct course of action can be planned and implemented.

Tony Shouse
Colorado
80202

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Tim Berneman
Mason City, Iowa
50401

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William Gilroy
New York
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Tom Gomez
, Florida
33160

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Bill Heye
Mountain View, California
94040

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

While I can afford cable, I don't like the digital divide in our country. Please do not allow cable's basic tier to be encrypted. This will hurt access to basic information for many people, deepen the digital divide, and slow down innovation in the TV market.

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Please carefully consider the impact on all parties.

Thank you.

Allen Fouty
Texas
78722

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I currently pay a local cable provider for internet access, but do not subscribe to a television package. We receive our television signal via ClearQAM and a rule change would impact our household greatly, as the digital broadcast signal is terrible at best.

Thank you,

A.T. Fouty

Nate Eborn
84062

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Zachary Drummond
Washington
98040

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Samuel Dyer
Portland, Oregon
97203

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Andres Garcia
Atlanta, Georgia
30305

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Ted Jastrzembski
3755

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, there are many millions who are already paying cable fees and are quite content with the basic service. It does not seem fair to double up the charges for this basic service.

Gerald Van Baren
Michigan
49301

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is the best way for me to access local "broadcast" channels. I have tried using antennas to receive my local stations over the air, but I am apparently on the fringes of the broadcast patterns and cannot receive them reliably.

I did not have a problem receiving the old analog broadcast signals. Since the nation switched to digital broadcast, I have not been able to receive over-the-air broadcasts despite trying several different "digital" antennas even with amplifiers.

If cable is allowed to encrypt their basic tier, they will make it much more inconvenient to use their services, to the point where they will be cutting me off from access to my local news and information.

Alex Green
New York, New York
10009

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Federal Communications Commission
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randy elwin
92007

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Andrew Skotzko
Los Angeles, California
90025

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George Mu
10023

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Michael Zamansky
New York, New York
10001

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Thomas Luce
Portland, Oregon
97201

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Also, with most modern televisions no longer supporting basic antennas, the ClearQAM system is the only way for most people to access the legally mandated free broadcast channels. This attempt to close off QAM is clearly and simply a land/money grab from the large cable providers who have already successfully negotiated local monopolies in most cities (Comcast, for example, is the only provider that I have access to living in Portland, OR. I hate comcast. I despise them with the white-hot heat of 10,000 suns. But I don't have a choice, because of their anti-competitive practices. This is just another one of those.)

carlos salas
el paso, Texas
79935

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Keith Muenze
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Jeremy Axmacher
Stephenson, Virginia
22656-2220

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Sumit Shah
94131

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Bharath Gudivada
Illinois
60554

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Uros Prestor
California
94587

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Jeff Zimmerlin
90066

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Usman Abbasi
California
95125

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Nari Kannan
Prospect, Kentucky
40059

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Aaron Collegeman
Virginia
22602

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Tim Kersey
Santa Monica, California
90401

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Shane Sewell
Austin, Texas
78731

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Jackie Kohn
Cherry valley ny, New York
13320

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Many Americans cannot afford the huge monthly cable prices. Tv is the accepted and universal system by wich most people get there local and nation wide information. If all channels are encrypted and you have to have a cable box to watch broadcast tv then what happens to those who cannot afford it.

the news, politics, the emergency broadcast system needs to be available to those who can't afford cable. What is considered the basic tier. Abc NBC CBS and PBS should continue to broadcast freely to the American

Public.

G Brown
Ann Arbor,
48107

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Federal Communications Commission
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Why encrypt? So I can pay to rent an inconvenient energy consuming box ? My FCC approved TV has a QAM tuner, it will not work with encrypted cable channels.

10-15 watts per decryption box times 40? 50? 60? million cable viewers is how many million watts of electricity? What a waste.

Don't let them encrypt.

brian tosch
Washington
98052

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Federal Communications Commission
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Encrypting basic QAM channels is just an excuse to rent set top boxes that we otherwise don't need at all.

Jim Babinski
Pennsylvania
18508

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Federal Communications Commission
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Please do not vote against competition.

Derek Bredensteiner
Phoenix, Arizona
85022

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I don't expect anyone to give a crap about my words, let alone skim enough of them to pick a semi-appropriate form response, you people (the FCC specifically in this case) are so far beyond the pail of being in touch with reality that I'm not sure it matters what I say except for the purposes of mislabeling me a dangerous lunatic and passing my information on to the appropriate authorities. So I'm being sure to provide it here for you.

The fact that you're even considering this blatant corporatist collusion says more than I ever could in my own words.

Go fuck yourselves.

Sincerely,

Derek Bredensteiner

United States citizen for 27 years too long

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Akiva Leeder
New York
10023

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I strongly urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier.

I rely on Unencrypted access to the basic tier and it is important to me and my family. This access should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact it would have.

Jeff Naifeh
74120

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Federal Communications Commission
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Niraj Shah
California
90703

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Please act in the best interest of the Consumer. You have been doing marvelous, continue onwards in protecting us, not Companies!

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Thank you!

Joe Nall
Austin, Texas
78746

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I watch my local broadcast stations in HD without a set top box and do not want them encrypted.

Jamey Owens
Atlanta, Georgia
30339

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Federal Communications Commission
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Sajee Mathew
7675

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I watch the broadcast channels in HD from my cable provider. I don't need anything more and have no desire to pay extra for more channels or set top boxes.

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Paul Ottaviano
Oregon
97006

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I live in a antenna dead zone and used limited basic tier cable with a cable box to watch broadcast TV channels. I recently purchased the Boxee Box Live TV tuner and my digital broadcast TV experience has improved tremendously. It is now very easy to find channels that previously I didn't know existed and that the cable TV companies made difficult to discover. Combine this with the Internet streaming features of devices like Boxee and the future of TV is happening now.

If you agree with the cable TV companies and allow them to encrypt all digital broadcast channels, then yes, I could use the antenna but that would greatly limit the channels available to me because the signal is weak in my area. One thing is for certain, if all channels are encrypted then I'll cut the cable cord completely rather than pay for something I don't want or need anymore. It's not unreasonable to assume that many of the millions of cordcutters or Boxee users would share my sentiments and do the same.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Meyer
Seattle, Washington
98122

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The current legislation requiring cable providers to broadcast QAM in clear, unencrypted signals, was put into place for good reason and should require an unquestionably better reason to overturn. By encrypting the signals that should be free, we would stunt innovation for new devices, making a whole new industry and creating jobs to Americans to support the industry.

Furthermore, while the population that currently uses ClearQAM is small and generally doesn't even know their source of television is in jeopardy, it is obvious that they would speak up if they knew.

Michael Pruett
La Jolla, California
92037

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Scott Rubin
New York, New York
11102

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Brandon Patton
VIDOR, Texas
77662

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It would also require me to add one more box to clutter my TV set. Additionally, I would be limited to what the cable company wanted me to get, rather than a cable box of my own choosing. I feel this is just one more way for the cable company to take choice away from its customers.

Thank you for your time.

Willis Gravelle
80301

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Terry Floyd Johnson
Long Beach, California
90814

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Just because cable companies want to make more money on selling their boxes, is no reason to allow them to get away with this illegal try at getting rid of ClearQAM.

Stop the cable company power grab, don't allow them to encrypt the Clear QAM freedom of watching tv, without cable making a dirty dollar out of it.

NGHI TRAN
HOUSTON, Texas
77036

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scott fitzgerald
Brooklyn, New York
11201

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Mordy Kaplinsky
Brooklyn, New York
11213

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If we expect competitive and innovative experiences such as Youtube, iTV, ROKU, Netflix, Boxee and other current or future innovators to take hold in the TV space, the least we can do is not place any additional impediments in their path.

On a more personal note: I believe that the sudden urge to put this encryption in place has nothing to do with their needs but in reality constitutes a monopolistic behavior to block competitors and innovators in their "sacred" space.

I trust that you will not be part of this shameful anti-consumer power grab.

Joshua Boyd
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
17603

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As some one who has bought several set top boxes looking for new devices that will serve my family better, I care deeply about not being stuck having to rent an inferior device from my cable company.

Anil Podduturi
11201

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Terry Leach
, District of Columbia
20008

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Matthew Stump
94062

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Ed Barnes
80439

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The FCC can continue to preserve the interests of the people by preserving unencrypted signals or requiring a public IP based alternative,

Otherwise I'm not sure what we really need the FCC for anymore.

For this reason I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market.

Craig Green
Hamilton, Virginia
20158

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Eric Hulsizer
New Jersey
7661

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Ric Fulop
Lexington, Massachusetts
2420

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Jordan Czajka
19128

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Michael Ramsey
Chicago, Illinois
60608

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Innovate not legislate!!!!

I like my boxee box(set top box) and how it works now nto be forced to be charged more for no reason other then to generate more money and hurt the startups like boxee/dlink etc

Elango Ganesan
Palo Alto, California
94303

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Would you like another Apple come out of the US?

Don't support putting up more obstacles.

dan pape
Oregon
97217

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Paul Ottaviano
Oregon
97006

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I just want to add to my previous comments that basic tier cable encryption would hurt low income families the most and would compromise televisions use for emergency information.

Matt Otten
North Carolina
27527

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Not only can I not afford the high fees of cable and cable boxes, I just do not need them. These basic channels such as PBS, NBC, and other "local" channels are broadcast for free over the air. They carry much needed emergency warnings from the emergency broadcast system. What right do the local cable providers have to demand that we need to pay them for a converter box to have access to these channels? Please find a way to maintain free access to these channels, such as over IP, before allowing the cable companies to profit from them.

Thank you for listening,

Matt Otten

Clayton, NC

Steve Feinstein
Nashua, New Hampshire
3062

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 11-169

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

In the public interest. That's all you need to consider when making any new rules. Is it in the public interest. And it's disingenuous ever reduce access to content and call that in the public interest.

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Timothy Arbuckle
California
90025

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Daniel McCrea
Voorheesville, New York
12186

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Malav Patel
Washington, District of Columbia
20002

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Steven Rudolph
Brooklyn, New York
11219

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Federal Communications Commission
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Interference makes it impossible for me to utilize an antenna to receive these signals over the air. Free access to these channels has always been available. This will impact the poorest at a difficult economic time.

Krystal PLOMATOS
New York, New York
10036

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Federal Communications Commission
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The United States needs all the innovation it can muster, not just another obstacle and obfuscation of our rights. Please be a champion of innovation. Please participate in the open and accessible culture that will keep us marching towards a smarter future.

Thank you,

Krystal Plomatos

William Phelan
Loudonville, New York
12211

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Samuel Thomas
Vernon, Connecticut
6066

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Marshall Burchard
Rye Brook, New York
10573

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Nick Grossman
Newton, Massachusetts
2459

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Darrell Kong
94556

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Pennsylvania
19460

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portland, Oregon
97211-3745

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Cameron Johnston
Salt Lake City, Utah
84117

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David Hamilton
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
17201

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I believe the cable infrastructure was subsidized by public funds.

Requiring a descramble device is not right.

James Mccallister
Columbus, North Carolina
28722

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The change to digital tv signals has forced many to use cable companies as their source of programs instead of broadcast. Allowing encrypted signals changes the whole spirit of tv "broadcasting". What used to be available for a modest cost is now subject to a new layer of charges.

James mcallister

Columbus, nc

Kevin Roche
New York, New York
10005

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Myra Ross
43609

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Myra Lynn Ross

Ethan Ball
Santa Rosa, California
95409

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I pay for all the channels that I watch, but I built my own DVR using Linux and MythTV software. It is far superior to the cable boxes offered by Comcast, but it won't work if they encrypt the QAM broadcast channels.

Isaac Umanoff
Sparta, New Jersey
7871

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I have heard that the FCC is considering eliminating ClearQAM. I live in an area that is out of reach of the major networks over the air signals, so I rely on my cable line for access to NBC, ABC and CBS. If the FCC moves forward with this I will be unable to view those stations. I strongly urge you to not pursue this path.

Regards,

Isaac

James Farrimond
94002

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Peter Dixon-Moses
New York
10014

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Jessica Williams
New York
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Michael Levin
Chevy Chase, Maryland
20815

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natick, Massachusetts
1760

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Competition is the key to innovation. Cable companies need incentive to invent and innovate. This is good for everyone.

Matt Henkel
Lakewood, Colorado
80226

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Mark Smith
Wake Forest, North Carolina
27587

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Paul Goldfarb
New York
11375

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As a user of clearqam broadcasts I urge you to strongly oppose the effort to encrypt these channels.

Thank you.

Paul

Trapper Little
Broomfield, Colorado
80020

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Eric Korhonen
Hitchcock, Texas
77563

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Steve Pessah
Smithtown, New York
11787

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Jason Preston
Washington
98115

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Nick Cumiskey
Hackettstown, New Jersey
7840

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Steven Goldman
East Brunswick, New York
10033

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Additionally and most importantly, I do not have internet or cable in my apartment and therefore rely on standard broadcast channels of my cable line for emergency information such as hurricane Irene of last summer.

Jeff Mock
23005

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John Risner
Larchmont, New York
10538

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Rather than get rid of Clear QAM, how about moving to full ala carte pricing? My neighbor who loves CNN is forced to pay over \$13 per month for sports channels she neither wants nor watches. Plus it is galling to a Mets fan like me forced to give the Yankee's \$2.50 per month if I want CNN, ESPN and other expanded basic channels.

Thank you,

John Risner

Philip Roggow
80110

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Bruce Qua
Charlottesville, Virginia
22903

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable television's basic tier.

Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, as it allows simple, inexpensive access to basic cable. It should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties.

The unencrypted tier provides a way for customers to use Home Theater PCs (HTPCs), commercial DVRs, and innovative set-top boxes to enter the market.

Bruce

Robert Profitt
97317

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Andrew Bradford
New York
14617

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Alex Smith
Folsom, California
95630

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Chris Terres
Minnesota
55446

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**BASIC CABLE CONSUMERS MUST HAVE LOCAL DIGITAL SIGNALS TRANSMITTED
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Thank you!

Jayne Maultasch
Great Neck, New York
11021

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I am a huge fan of a home theater PC and it relies on the non-encrypted access allowed by clearQAM.

Brian Iannantuono
Delaware, Ohio
43015

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Please do not let it happen. My cable bill is the most expensive I have. I have used Unencrypted cable to help alleviate some of the expense. I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Unencrypted access to the basic tier is important to me, and it should not be eliminated without carefully considering the impact on all parties. Among other things, the unencrypted tier provides a way for innovative set-top boxes to enter the market.

Dennis Komisky
Goffstown, New Hampshire
3045

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In addition, I and many of my friends and relatives do not have the extra money to pay for boxes or TVs to receive encrypted TV. I do NOT have a cable box. The cable company is already charging too much. If basic TV is encrypted I will have to cancel my cable service.

Arielle Galisevych
Tampa, Florida
33613

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier. Among other things, the unencrypted tier ensures that individuals and/or organizations who can not afford the extra set-top box fee have access to local, basic content.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Lee Rogers
New London, New Hampshire
3257

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More specifically, allowing cable companies to force DTA's on users renders many features of my expensive TV set useless. I'm forced to use an additional remote to do channel selection but cannot set up 'Favorites' as an example. At a time when we are encouraged to save energy the cable companies are distributing millions of DTA's which are constantly consuming (wasting) power.

Further, my expensive DVR can no longer be programmed properly as channel selection is accomplished with a DTA where one can select only one channel at a time.

Encryption would only exacerbate this terrible situation.

This situation is horrifying to all of us!

Thanks for hearing me out.

Matthew Nethers
California
90720

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Felix Chuang
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Sharon Goldstein
San Francisco, California
94123

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As a business person in the technology industry, I recognize that very few decisions are black and white.

However, I urge you in this case to lean towards openness. In this case there are no moral or ethical implications, no privacy issues, nor anyone's lives at stake in keeping broadcast transmissions unencrypted.

It's true that the cable companies invested to lay the cables, however at this point, that infrastructure is a sunk cost.

And encrypting the transmission would both stifle innovation and require that cable services (and payment for those services) are required to get basic broadcasting.

The move to encrypt basic services does not benefit the individual nor does it benefit society. The only beneficiary here is the small handful of corporations who hold the keys. We've opened up utilities and we've pushed for openness for mobile spectrum. Why would you take us in the other direction in this case?

I urge you to delay any action that would allow the widespread encryption of cable's basic tier.

Regards,

Sharon Goldstein

R M
Brookline, Massachusetts
2446

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James OLoughlin (US Navy)
Denver, Colorado
80210

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

If cable companies start encrypting their basic tier cable it would be nothing but costly and aggravating for me. If there are any benefits for me, the consumer, I really do fail to see them.

Please consider all sides before allowing the cable companies to make my life incrementally worse. :)

Vincent Gormley
57104

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