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March 31, 2010

The Honorable Geoff Davis
United States Representative
Fort Mitchell Office
277 Buttermilk Pike
Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017

Dear Representative Davis:

I am writing to urge you to support and, if possible, cosponsor the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, HR 3745, and to work for its rapid passage. The CAP Act is very important in helping to preserve Northern Kentucky's local community TV channels, known as Public Educational Government (PEG) access channels, and the much needed funding for PEG cable TV facilities and operations.

These channels are virtually the only real local television programming that still exists; particularly, when it comes to Northern Kentucky coverage. This is public service programming that informs voters about Northern Kentucky issues and covers Northern Kentucky election races and debates. Our Northern Kentucky PEG channels also provide programming from our schools, including popular high school football and basketball game coverage.

There have been changes to federal and state regulations regarding PEG access channels and funding over the years since our county's last cable TV franchise that will soon start to take effect and result in a substantial loss of feed that support PEG studios like ours. This will cause a significant cutback in PEG services if the situation is not rectified.

The CAP Act removes use restrictions on PEG access fees, restores PEG revenue streams and ends cable operators' discriminatory treatment of PEG channels. Specifically, this bill would allow PEG fees to once again be used for any legitimate PEG expense instead

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of restricting PEG fees to only capable expenses. It does not do any good to be able to buy television channels and not be able to pay someone to operate them.

The Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky (TBNK) television studio has been producing public service television for Northern Kentucky since 1998, and televises a wealth of programming focused on our Northern Kentucky communities which have been largely ignored by Cincinnati broadcasters for decades.

The CAP Act is good for Kentucky citizens and I hope we can count on your support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Tim Broering



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The Honorable Jim Bunning
United States Senator
Fort Wright Office
Suite 220, 1717 Dixie Highway
Ft. Wright, Kentucky 41011

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