


{DATE} 

The Honorable {Member of the Senate} 
The Honorable {Member of the House} 
The Honorable {Local Elected Official}

Dear {Title and Name}:

I am writing on behalf of {city, county, nonprofit entity, educational institution} to ask for your support of the Community Access Preservation Act (HR 3745) to preserve and protect Public, Educational and Government (PEG) community access television stations.

We support PEG access television and {the name of the local access channel}. These local channels are the voice of the community and an important voice for democratic media, especially in an era of increased media consolidation. 

The Cap Act (HR 3745) will address some detrimental and critical issues facing local PEG channels; it will:

- Require PEG channels be carried in the same manner and quality as local broadcast channels and be carried on the Basic Tier of service so every cable subscriber can watch them without paying more.
- Eliminate the distinction between “capital” and “operational” expenses when it comes to using existing PEG support fees. Right now, PEG support fees that are being collected can only be used for “capital” expenses. This distinction is unnecessary and wasteful of the subscriber’s money.
- Restore a community’s ability to collect PEG support. Many states passed statewide franchising laws that either eliminated PEG support or will eliminate PEG support by 2012. That means that hundreds of these channels will be eliminated in the next two years.

We urge you to join us in support of these local channels by supporting HR 3745.

As always, thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

{Signator, Title and Contact Information}