

Mike Ferrant

From: Lauren-Glenn Davitian <davitian@cctv.org>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:34 PM
To: ode.carol@gmail.com; Mike Ferrant
Subject: [External] Re: Letter for Public Comment Period on Monday

[External]

Thank you.

On Fri, Oct 18, 2019 at 4:02 PM Carol Ode <ode.carol@gmail.com> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern;

It is of great importance that a funding source be identified and dedicated to Public Access Television. Vermonters absolutely rely on seeing their broadcasted meetings and watching their informational shows. I know I do and so do my constituents.

Sincerely,

Carol Ode

State Legislator

Chittenden District 6-1

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CHANNEL 17/ TOWN MEETING TV & CCTV PRODUCTIONS

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Mike Ferrant

From: Linda L Carbino <walklife@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: donna@catv8.org
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

My name is Linda L Carbino

Some of you may already know me as the Oprah of Vermont and or have been a guest on my show Walking Through Life Tv show seen on catv 8.

I now am very proud to say I have done 800 shows since 2005,I received a state resolution in 2008 for creating a tv show about mental illness and addiction buses. One of the best honors I have ever received. My show is a inspirational show focusing on mental health and addiction issues, self love, inspirational story's, government issues and advocating for change.

Catv has not only helped me produce my shows,they also taught me how to use editing programs, video community events important for my show. They have become my family.

I also once sat on the board of Catv for 9 years Knowing what I know about the budget to run Catv They always have not had enough money to do that they want to do for not only producers, local community events, local government meeting, educational programs. Summer video camps to help our youths learn how to create media.

With the high price of equipment, staff, rent space and the many other needs of running a non profit tv station my concern is our peg tv access stations well disappear.

I am very thank for for doing this hearing, and the hard work you all have to do to help us find funds to keep PEG Tv going.

Sincerely grateful
Linda L Carbino

Mike Ferrant

From: Catherine Rader <catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment
Attachments: 2019 PEG testimony.odt

Attached is testimony from the League of Women Voters of Vermont. I expect to give it in person at Monday's hearing.

Kate Rader
LWVVT

Mike Ferrant

From: Linda L Carbino <scampypoo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:09 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

Mike Ferrant

From: Charles Simpson <simpsochr@plattsburgh.edu>
Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2019 5:35 PM
To: Testimony; Lauren-Glenn Davitian
Subject: Community Media

Dear Legislators:

I've worked with Channel 17 for many years. They've videotaped our NPA and all the NPAs in Burlington making them available to the widest audience. I've participated in a great many civic discussions aired on Channel 17 including those on the Burlington Town Center, the Champlain Parkway, and the F-35s. including as moderator of my show, Toward a Livable City. As a two-time candidate for Burlington City Council, I participated in debates on city issues that were essential for the democratic process. What's not to like?

At the same time, the landscape of information media is bleak. Fewer and fewer corporations own the airwaves and their bottom line focus has meant that they prioritize entertainment and news-as-entertainment over in-depth discussion of issues essential to civic engagement. The apparent privatization of Burlington Telecom--I say apparent because the issue is still before regulators--is indicative of this trend away from municipal control and access.

Burlington's Center for Media and Democracy (Channel 17), provides not only public access but training in videographic skills essential to modern communications and civic engagement. Please support this and the rest of the state's locally-controlled media to insure a continued supply of local content.

Sincerely, Charles Simpson, Burlington, VT

Mike Ferrant

From: susankb <susankb@madriver.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG access comment

Our local public access television station, MRVTV, is very important to me. I am able to watch select board meetings to see what topics are being discussed and how my representatives are participating.

I appreciate the opportunity to publicize events, such as our turkey basket project for the Interfaith Council and the 10 Fest performance of plays by Vermont playwrights which will take place at Valley Players theater.

Public Access television keeps me informed and helps me share information with my community. I support maintaining appropriate funding for public local television.

Susan Bauchner,
Warren, Vermont

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Mike Ferrant

From: Ed Baker <arcedbaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Channel Coordinator
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

Hello,

I am Ed Baker.

I host/produce the Addiction Recovery Channel on CCTV.

The Show is just beginning its third year, having aired monthly since its beginning in September of 2017.

The purpose of the Show is to provide Vermonters with accurate, science-based information regarding people with Substance Use Disorder, their treatment and recovery supports. The driving idea is to reduce stigma and encourage compassion for this most vulnerable population; to save lives.

The team at CCTV has been wonderful in supporting this effort: enthusiastic, patient, supportive, so genuinely involved because they see the merit in this effort.

The Show itself continues to grow and gain an audience both within and outside Vermont.

Guests have included: TJ Donovan; Mayor Miro Weinberger; Chief of Burlington Police Brandon Del Pozo; States Attorney Sara George; John Brooklyn MD; Jolinda LaClair, Gov. Scott's Opioid Coordination Council's Director; leaders from the Recovery, Prevention and Treatment sectors; people with lived addiction/recovery experience.

The Show has been featured in an article in Vt. Digger; the UVM Website, Responding to the Opioid Crisis; and it is featured monthly in the Chittenden County Opioid Alliance's monthly Newsletter.

It has been aired on up to 52 Public TV Stations in addition to CCTV.

There is obviously strong interest in this Show's content among fellow Vermonters. They want to understand people with Substance Use Disorder; they want to help. They want to be a part of the solution to this public health tragedy that effects us all, every day.

CCTV has enabled me to contribute to the solution by educating the public, helping them to abandon stigma, not people.

This is one piece in the mighty mosaic Vermont continues to craft in response to an overwhelming threat, a threat that will only diminish in proportion to community involvement.

I'm sorry I could not communicate my gratitude to CCTV in person.

If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Ed Baket

Addiction Recovery Channel (ARC)

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"Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Elie Wiesel

Mike Ferrant

From: Steven Yaskell <s.yaskell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:24 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Value to the community of local cable TV

Such channels provide a record of non-biased, at-leisure links: from the on-goings in city or town halls to local cultural and scientific pursuits beyond the commercial (and therefore, professional, biased) scope. As such, they assist in keeping OPEN UNBIASED ENQUIRY alive in the face of much over-professionalization in the arts, sciences, and media.

Steven H. Yaskell
Mount Holly, Vt.

Mike Ferrant

From: julia valleria <info@juliavallera.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment for public hearing October 21, 2019

My name is Julia Vallera and I live in Winooski, Vermont. I am submitting this official testimony to be used in regard to the Public Hearing on PEG Access Television happening on October 21, 2019, at Vermont State House. Unfortunately, I cannot be there in person due to work obligations.

I want to stress the value that PEG access channels have for me and my community. I am a college professor, technology consultant and digital media specialist. I work with nonprofit organizations across North America on projects related to digital inclusion, web literacy, net neutrality, and data privacy. The work I do cannot happen without PEG access channels and services so it is urgent that we find a way to sustain it here in Vermont and elsewhere. Here are some recent examples:

1. **Daily coverage of community news and information:** Public Access Centers like CCTV Channel 17 in Burlington Vermont provide unbiased coverage of local news and information.
2. **Outreach to low-income residents:** PEG channels are one of the only free or very low-cost places to get training on media technologies.
3. **Marginalized voices and free speech:** PEG channels give every citizen an opportunity to express their opinion through broadcast and internet technology. This is especially important because there no other outlets that provide this service to our towns and cities in Vermont.
4. **Local Government Transparency:** Public Access Centers like CCTV Channel 17 in Burlington Vermont is the only source for Livestream coverage of official city government meetings. This is vital to provide a level of transparency necessary to convey clarity of day to day government.
5. **Collaboration:** PEG collaborates with other organizations to enhance the quality of life in our cities and towns. They provide an outlet and platform for collaboration around specific issues and projects.
6. **An extension of the classroom:** PEG centers provide a link between local school districts, colleges, and residents. PEG offers supplemental material, job training, internships and more to enhance learning at any stage in one's professional or personal endeavors.

I hope this provides some insight into why PEG Access is so important to me and my community. I appreciate the opportunity to submit my comment via email and am more than happy to provide more information if needed.

Sincerely, Julia Vallera

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Mike Ferrant

From: Karen Bufka <lwvnek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

Dear Members of the PEG Access Study Committee,

I am a member of the League of Women Voters of Vermont, a nonpartisan volunteer organization which encourages the active and informed participation of citizens in government. I am the organizer for the League's Northeast Kingdom chapter.

The LWVNEK often partners with Kingdom Access TV in St. Johnsbury, either by requesting that they record and re-broadcast our public programs like candidate forums or speakers or that they help us produce informational videos which they will then broadcast as part of their programming and which we can also share in a link via email, Facebook and Front Porch Forum, etc.

Just a couple of days ago, I interviewed St. Johnsbury's Superintendent of Schools about a proposed bond to fund improvements to the St. J School building, an issue which St. J's voters will have to vote on in early November, so that St. J's voters can know the facts before they head to the polls. Earlier this year, the LWVNEK interviewed candidates for Select Board in advance of Town Meeting Day, because we often hear from voters that it is very difficult to know who to vote for in local elections because of a dearth of information. Last year, we interviewed St. J's Town Clerk on KATV about the nuts and bolts of registering and voting. We hope to create a nonpartisan program on KATV about "How to Judge a Candidate", to help voters navigate 2020's election cycle.

KATV and PEG Access stations like it across Vermont help the League to educate and engage many more citizens than we could otherwise do, and they do this for us for free. We really need them!

It is also crucial to transparency of government that KATV is there at most of our local government's meetings.

Please find a way to fund PEG Access TV stations like KATV, so that they will continue to be available to build and enliven Vermont's communities.

Sincerely,
Karen Bufka

Mike Ferrant

From: Barkhausen John <jsb@madrivier.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 1:30 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: support public access community TV

I am urging the legislature to continue supporting Public Access Television in any way they can for one simple reason; It allows many of us who are too busy (and perhaps more importantly) disabled to participate in our communities political and cultural events, by functioning as our eyes and ears when we cannot attend.

Thank you for continuing to support community public access television.

John

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Mike Ferrant

From: Mike & Sue Smith <mikesuesmith1222@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Testimony; kevin@lcatv.org; Alex Stradling; Mike & Sue Smith
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment
Attachments: The Value of PEG Television.docx

The Value of PEG Television.

“Threats to freedom of speech, writing and action, though often trivial in isolation, are cumulative in their effect and, unless checked, lead to a general disrespect for the rights of the citizen.” – George Orwell

PEG television provides citizens the opportunity to think for themselves and express those thoughts to others – how do we place value on that?

My name is Micheal Smith. I am currently President of the Board of Falls Area Community Television (FACT) based in Bellows Falls Vermont. FACT is one of the smallest community access providers in the State of Vermont. We have two full time employees.

Bellows Falls has no Local commercial television station, no local commercial radio station, and no local daily newspaper. FACT broadcasts 24/7 on two channels on Comcast and two channels on Vtel. We live stream on Facebook, maintain a website where we upload all our content and we upload content to our Youtube channel so that it can be accessed on demand.

Falls Area Community Television records and broadcasts the meetings of the Town of Rockingham, the Village of Bellows Falls, the Village of Saxtons River, the Town of Westminster, the Town of Grafton, and the Town of Brookline. We also record and broadcast all the school board meetings for Windham Northeast Supervisory Union and other local boards. Local governments use our recordings as a backup and reference to their meeting minutes.

Falls Area Community Television has provided locally focused programming on social issues, Indigenous people’s perspectives, suicide prevention, homelessness, and the opioid crisis. FACT worked in cooperation with the local recovery center, the Rotary Club, healthcare providers and social service agencies to host a program called “The Importance of Hope, stories of recovery”.

FACT also provides a venue for community organizations to educate the public about what they do and announce their events and activities. There is a live local events show weekly, numerous shows by religious organizations and always entertaining shows from “Reading with Grandma Kitty” to “Strange Events at the Vilas Bridge” and “The Cellar Hole Investigators

In addition to broadcast activity, Falls Area Community Television, and PEG providers in general, provide training, structure and an environment for everyone, but especially the young, to learn real technical skills in a real-life functioning work environment. Media production is a meld of creativity and technical skill, and as

such attracts people who may not feel challenged in a traditional learning environment, or people who may not be able to tolerate the structure of those environments. FACT has provided opportunities in after school and summer film programs, paid and not paid internships, and part time paid employment to the youth of South eastern Vermont. Our past two executive directors came from attending such programs at FACT when they were growing up. Kids who filmed zombie movies with us during the summer have gone on to college media programs, graduated and are now teaching media at the college level. Others are currently enrolled in college media programs and last year one of our interns won an award from Governor Scott for a Public Service Announcement he did about distracted driving

Not all flowers are roses and not all broadcast content is a polished and professional commercial product. We have learned that without milkweed we might not have monarch butterflies and dandelions, once scorned. are now valuable for the bees and a source of early salad greens. Such is PEG television. Content produced by amateurs, citizens with something to say, may seem without value or frivolous, but may also inform citizens to make local choices, engage our young to create, and everyone to express their feelings and ideas. This is freedom of speech at a fundamental level.

The lawmakers who created PEG fees, which led to public access television, saw it as a way for cable providers to pay back the communities for access to the infrastructure of power poles and right of ways which they used to create their for profit cable networks. We have come to a place and time where all of that is forgotten and the cable providers see this infrastructure as an entitlement and the PEG fees as a way to add to their profit. Under our current federal administration this is part and parcel with the payback to lobbyists. Cable providers in an effort to reap additional profits have convinced the FCC that they provide infrastructure beyond the original build out that entitles them to compensation. In my opinion, this argument has current economic value to the cable providers, but no bearing on the concept originally proposed by lawmakers at the time who seemed to be much more attuned to the public good.

I hope the committee will consider the original intent of the law, the history of public good provided by PEG providers and the current threats to freedom of expression posed by our government and the bottom-line mentality that pervades American culture. PEG Television provides for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of thought in an otherwise commercial medium, where money controls and directs what we see, hear and are supposed to think.

The need to maintain access to the cable networks to provide some opportunity for diversity and freedom of creativity is critical in Vermont where basic cable may be the only media that lower income Vermonters have available to them.

Thank you for your time in considering this issue. If I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Micheal P Smith, President

Falls Area Community Television

Bellows Falls Vermont

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Mike Ferrant

From: Paul Sarne <PSarne@winooskivt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:54 AM
To: Testimony
Cc: Jessie Baker; Kristine Lott
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment
Attachments: PEG Letter of Support.pdf

Good morning,

Please find the attached letter of support from the City of Winooski in reference to the PEG Committee and the ongoing work in modernizing access to PEG channels.

If there is anything else we can provide, please let us know.

Best,

Paul



Paul Sarne
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Mike Ferrant

From: Ralph Pace <ralphpace@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

We definitely need the public station financing system to remain in place. Many of the seniors in VT depend on it as well as most of the non-profit groups and schools that have no other means of communication with the public. The reduction of these contributions would raze havoc with most PEG stations in the state. They cannot be made up from public and other private donations based on the history of past fund raising from these sources.

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Mike Ferrant

From: Jane Hart <leftymom1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 8:51 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Okemo valley TV

To whom it may concern:

I cannot overstate the value of Cable tv in proctorsville, vt (05153 zip code). It provides high-quality programs of interest to the community and a great antidote to the homogeneity of network and cable tv.

Special commendation to Patrick Cody.

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Mike Ferrant

From: James Ward <jamietalk@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 8:41 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: jamietalk@me.com
Subject: PEG ACCESS TELEVISION

Hello,

I'm writing to you as a home owner from Mt Holly, Vermont who has had the opportunity to learn and grow as a result of my contact with Local Access Tv. I produced more than four shows from scratch -that were each an 30" long in a single camera format.

I have also been the subject of 3 live concerts shown on local access and as well as the interviewee for other TV shows in studio. I have visited and used local access facilities in White River junction and Manchester and collaborated with employees from the Rutland station. I also served 3 years on the board at Okemo Valley TV so I could help reach out to members of the chamber of commerce and local community members and encourage them and to join up and make a show.

In vermont, as you know we have wonderful libraries and community centers, art centers and fitness centers that Help give us a variety to our lives. The centers also help keep us relevant .

But it was only recently, in the last few years for some, that all of us in the mountainous areas had reliable cable. Well today we enjoy the power of the Internet.

If you close these TV stations you will be taking us backwards and not forwards in Vermont. We will no longer be connected or relevant.

Our local access TV stations are one of the few ways in which we as a community can come together and create our own programs, educate and express ourselves and more importantly, watch our local government on our TV and our computers. We stay connected.

Without access to this local TV Station -and keeping up with media at this level in a real studio, with good cameras and equipment to use and learn to shoot with and edit—we will lose the ability to touch the world and tell our stories.

Digital media is the language of youth, and you have to stay on top of it. It's what allows us to reach out to our neighbors and beyond. This will be lost.

And we will also be lost and left behind and cut off again in the new media jungle. Without PEG TV AND OKEMO VALLEY TV, we will become irrelevant, cut off from the modern world.

You will cut us off in the same way as if you removed our libraries & community centers and fitness centers.

Please keep us connected
Please don't shut the doors

James Ward
MT HOLLY HOMEOWNER
since 2000

Sent from my iPhone

Mike Ferrant

From: Ginger Berkelhamer <ginger@madrivervalley.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Keith Berkelhamer
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

To whom it may concern,

We, at the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, cannot say enough about our local Public Access Channel, Mad River Valley Television.

In the last 3 years, the work done by the Executive Director to create programming to increase visibility for our community has been invaluable. Not only has the community been more engaged with the Access Station, but people outside the community have recognized the work being done by them. This in turn has resulted in more visitors to The Mad River Valley, the top initiative of The Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The two organizations work closely together currently both on shoestring budgets and can't afford to shrink any further. Please consider this when going to vote.

All my best,

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Mike Ferrant

From: Janet Warner-Ashley <JWarner-Ashley@stjacademy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that KATV in St. Johnsbury is a very important part of our community. They cover most of the local meetings and share them with the public who may not be able to attend for many reasons including disability and work schedules. They also reach out to the community and promote local arts and educational offerings. KATV deserves our support. For nine years, I have produced and directed the Summer Shakespeare outdoor performances put on by Academy Theatre and Friends which includes students from rising 9th graders to adults from the community. KATV not only promotes our performances but also films and presents, not only the play from the current summer, but the plays from past summers.

KATV is an important link in our community.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Warner-Ashley

Janet Warner-Ashley
St. Johnsbury Academy
Acting and Public Speaking

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Mike Ferrant

From: Jan de Vries <jdevries@together.net>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:54 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Angelike Contis; Michael Wood-Lewis; Trevor Squirrel
Subject: RE: local TV

My last sentence was unclear. I meant "facilities for local cyber traffic " (*of course the traffic itself should not be paid*)

Jan de Vries
73 McClellan Farm Road
Underhill, Vermont

From: [Jan de Vries](#)
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:45 PM
To: testimony@leg.state.vt.us
Cc: [Angelike Contis](#); [Michael Wood-Lewis](#); TSquirrel@leg.state.vt.us
Subject: local TV

To whom it may concern,

Our local TV station, MMCTV, is worthy of community support. If and when funding by Comcast stops, I urge our lawmakers to step in and make the community pay for local TV via local taxes. One can argue that town residents should decide on funding for local TV, thus making it an issue in town meetings. Here the analogy with education seems relevant. Towns have a say in the level of funding for their schools, but they are not free to provide no funding at all. The reason being that all benefit from an educated population. Local TV contributes to community cohesion which is an essential condition for a functioning democracy. Given the current assaults on democracy (*fake news, cranks that spread rumors, internet echo chambers, lack of dialogue across the aisle, lack of respect for the opponent*) we must do what we can to defend mutual respect and cohesion. I like to think that Vermont has a better chance to defend basic democratic principles than most other states. I suggest to override the whims of local politics and decide on funding at state level.

Once our representatives discuss using media for local communication, I suggest to go a step further and provide funding for local internet communication. First of all, provide funding for Front Porch Forum, secondly provide funding for local websites. Road maintenance is paid by taxes; likewise local cyber traffic deserves to be paid by all. When all benefit, all should contribute.

Jan de Vries
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PS to Michael and Trevor
I produced for MMCTV a series of videos of local gardens

Mike Ferrant

From: Jan de Vries <jdevries@together.net>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:45 PM
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Mike Ferrant

From: Rob Reiber <robreiber@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:45 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Public Access

Free Speech is one of the foundations of America. Public Access Television has provided an opportunity for Vermonters throughout the state an opportunity to exchange ideas, and become better informed citizens in their community. Losing Access means losing a well managed and responsive thread in Vermont's community web.

My belief is that funding these important assets should go beyond fees just to cable providers, but also include internet providers. As the technology continues to move media towards internet/wireless delivery, the responsibility for funding Public Access, is one to be shared by all those 'able' to access. Cable, phone, wireless, satellite. . .

Can the State impose an additional amount to the current telecommunication tax on communication services (land and cell)? Are current taxes and fees relative to telecommunications still relevant? Could they be redirected towards Public Access?

I think you all recognize the benefits of Access. Thank you for working towards addressing the secure funding for Public Access.

Rob Reiber
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Lincoln Vt

Sent from my iPhone

Mike Ferrant

From: Javin Leonard <javin.leonard@lyndoninstitute.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: PEG Access Television Comment

To whom it may concern,

Our local community television station Kingdom Access Television (KATV) has been and continues to be an important resource to the Lyndon Institute community. From coverage of our various events such as musical performances, graduation ceremonies, athletic events like our rivalry game with St. Johnsbury Academy, and more, KATV not only provides documentation and entertainment value, but also provides an opportunity for parents, relatives, and other members of the local and broader community to view these events when they are unable to attend. KATV is also an important promotional tool for our events concerning their Community Calendar as it has become a go-to resource for the local community.

Thank you,

Javin Leonard

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