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My name is Lisa Loomis and I'm the founder and president of the board of Mad River Valley Television serving the towns in The Mad River Valley as well as the Harwood Unified Union School District. I live in Fayston.

I'm speaking today in support of the Vermont Access Network and its 24 PEG TV community media centers with an FY2022 appropriation of \$300,000.

I know that in our community and throughout the state, local public access media centers keep our communities informed and connected. This was clear and true prior to the pandemic, but the pandemic highlighted how critical these media centers are in making sure people have accurate, relevant and timely information. Beyond information and connection, Mad River Valley Television and the other Vermont Access Network stations throughout the state create stronger and better informed participants in the democratic process and help deliver civic and media education to Vermonters of all ages.

I hope you support the F2022 appropriation of \$300,000 for the Vermont Access Network and its 25 Public, education and government TV community media centers.

Thank you for your time.