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Hello, my name is Kurt Broderson, from Middlebury. I am the Executive Director of Middlebury Community Television, and am President of VAN, the Vermont Access Network. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Please support the Vermont Access Network with \$1.35 million in base funding through the Secretary of State's FY26 budget. As directed by the Legislature last year, VAN has worked with the Secretary of State's office to make a 3 year plan for funding.

Your support allows us to continue to record and maintain archives of public meetings, keeping Vermonters informed and engaged in the democratic process. This funding is particularly important, as the decline in cable revenue threatens our ability to provide this essential service.

I ask you to please support the Vermont Access Network with \$1.35 million in funding through the Secretary of State's office. Thank you for your consideration, as well as your past and ongoing support of Vermont's Community Media Centers..