

July 13, 2023

Senator Sherrod Brown
801 W. Superior Ave. STE 1400
Cleveland, OH 44113

RE: We urge your support and sponsorship of (S 340) The Protection of Community Television Act

Dear Senator Brown,

I am writing to you to urge you to support and perhaps co-sponsor the "Protecting Community Television Act" (S 340) which was re-introduced by Senator, Ed Markey and 17 other original co-sponsors (originally S.3361).

You'll remember this bill is simply meant to clarify that franchise fee compensation for the use of the public right of way is meant to be monetary and eliminates one of the central premises behind the FCC's Cable franchising order from 2019 that these fees can be reduced by cable companies to pay, if done in other payment forms or in-kind offerings or services. In fact, I would encourage you to propose this bill take a step further in the protection of Public Access Television and propose that Public Television be offered no less than 33.3% of the franchise fees as the FCC originally intended to support Public Community Television. Franchise fees are the life and breath of Public Access Television Centers which offer our public a soapbox and the freedoms of speech to make a difference in their community. In Dayton, Ohio at our Access Center we give everyday people the freedom to communicate and the opportunity to be the voice of change and we need your protection and help to continue to do so.

I fervently urge you to support the Protect Community Television Act (S 340) and help us continue to be the voice of change in our community through Dayton Public Access Television, DATV.

Sincerely,

Your Name
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