

July 13, 2023

Representative Michael Turner  
2183 Rayburn House Office Bild  
Washington, DC 20515-3510

RE: We urge your support and sponsorship of (H.R. 6219) The Protection of Community Television Act

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am writing you to urge you to support and perhaps co-sponsor the "Protecting Community Television Act" which was sponsored by Representative Anna Eshoo.

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 may be reduced by cable companies to pay if done in other payment forms, such as in-kind offerings or services. In fact, I would encourage you to propose the bill take a step further in the protection on Public Access Television and propose that the Public Television be offered no less than 33.3% of the franchise fees as the FCC originally intended to support the Public. Franchise fees are the life and breath of Public Access Television Centers which offers our public a soapbox and the freedom of speech to make a difference in the 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 (H.R. 6219) and help us continue to be the voice of change in our community though Dayton Public Access Television, DATV.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
your street address  
Anytown, OH zip