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Support of LD1967

I am writing today in support of LD1967. It is critically important to stay proactive to ensure the viability of local access community channels as they are one of the last remaining bastions of local news and are a foundational piece of democracy, accurate information, and civil discourse.

Local access channels should not be limited in quality, going out in HD will make the programs much more accessible to the public. Providing a process to resolve disputes and the additional parts of the bill are sensible measures to ensure franchise agreements meet the needs of today and into the future.

Thank you for your time,

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