



To: House Regulatory Reform Committee, Rep. Tyrone Carter, Chair

Re: HB4965 Opposition

Chairman Carter,

With the decline of traditional Cable TV happening at an accelerated rate, preserving the taxpayer's right to charge Public Right of Way (PROW) fees to Video Service companies is more important than ever.

This is not a partisan issue; this is a local revenue issue.

With passage of HB4965, this will prevent future Video Service providers from paying for the use of our PROW for commercial gain when traditional Cable TV ends service.

These fees generate important revenue streams in nearly every Township, City, and Village government in the State of Michigan. Roughly 1400 all told.

Video Service PROW fees generate over \$80 million annually in the State of Michigan from traditional Cable TV. This revenue is going to ZERO in the near future.

These are real dollars for community services like fire, police, roads, and right of way maintenance. Not all municipalities have community media. These PROW funds go directly into their general fund.

This annual loss of revenue will impact the listed communities as follows:

Meridian Twp	\$702,255.00
Wyoming/Kensington	\$725,000.00
W. Bloomfield	\$1,260,000.00
Oxford	\$318,599.00
Ind./Clarkston	\$600,000.00
Livonia	\$1,841,615.00
Ann Arbor	\$1,679,477.00
Battle Creek	\$407,000.00

We ask the Committee to oppose HB4965's passage. Preserve this local revenue stream. Preserve our right to PROW fees from Video Service providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian J. Locke".

Ian J. Locke

President, Michigan Community Media Association