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Representative Linda Dean Campbell, Chair
Senator Barry Finegold, Chair
Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, The Internet and Cybersecurity
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Campbell & Finegold:

I am writing in support of our local community media center, Westborough TV, to urge you to favorably review H. 130 – An Act Relative to a Streaming Entertainment Operator's Use of the Public Rights-of-Way.

Local access organizations all over Massachusetts are facing the unenviable equation of increased demand for services and declining revenue due to cable cord-cutting. Without an update to the laws for how community media is funded, organizations like Westborough TV will soon face cuts in vital services or personnel.

Westborough TV plays a key role in keeping our community informed and connected. Their promotion and coverage of government meetings, sporting and musical events in our schools, and events put on by religious, charitable, or other community organizations is a key component to our town's character and making it attractive to businesses and residents as a place to both work and live. They are a vital part of our town. Westborough TV will not be able to continue to offer these and other services without an update to their funding mechanism.

I believe strongly that H. 130 can help secure the financial future of Westborough TV and the local access industry and I urge you to give it a favorable recommendation.

Sincerely,

(Signature)
(Name and title)

Cc: State Representatives Carolyn Dykema, Danielle Gregoire and Hannah Kane