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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1102**

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Mr. Laurence Schott  
Senior Director, Government Affairs  
Charter Communications  
10450 Pacific Center Court  
San Diego, California 92121

Dear Mr. Schott:

I am writing to express my serious concerns with changing the placement of Public, Education, and Government programming channels in Hawaii. My constituents in Hawaii's Second Congressional District depend on these channels to stay engaged and informed with the Hawaii State Legislature, City Council meetings, Neighborhood Boards, and many other local government and community organizations. Moving these long-recognized channels would harm civic engagement by limiting access for residents across Hawaii, especially for our seniors and rural communities. I strongly urge you to reject the proposed Charter Communications dba Spectrum's proposed migration of PEG Access Channels and ensure these time-honored community resources remain easily accessible to all Hawaii residents.

PEG channels enrich our State by providing a platform not offered on any other non-commercial channels for local voices to be heard. On a weekly basis, thousands of hours of valuable content are created by local community media producers. Artists and students across Hawaii have the opportunity to share their creative works and inspiring stories with an eager audience. Displacing channels 49, 53, 54, and 55, as well as the Video On Demand channels 50 and 52, would restrict our community's connection to these valuable resources.

We must encourage our communities to engage in local and State civics and community forums. Ensuring that they have the access to do so is the first step. Thank you for your attention and consideration on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



TULSI GABBARD  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable David Y. Ige  
The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
The Honorable Scott K. Saiki