



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 9, 2018

Mr. Laurence Schott, Senior Director  
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Dear Mr. Schott:

### **RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED PUBLIC, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) CHANNEL LOCATION CHANGES**

ʻŌlelo Community Media, Oʻahu’s non-profit PEG access provider, has been serving our communities for nearly 30 years. Like all other PEGs in the state, ʻŌlelo is committed to the principles of hyper local programming and freedom of speech. The channel numbers used by all of our PEGs have been established for 20-plus years. People know exactly where to find them. But Spectrum’s forced channel relocation will abruptly change this, causing severe channel confusion that will begin in neighborhoods across Oʻahu, and spread throughout the state.

Charter Communications/Spectrum’s decision to relocate Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channels on Oʻahu is not in the best interest of our citizens and is not in the best interest of serving cable subscribers in Hawaiʻi. Spectrum’s forced ʻŌlelo channel change will pave the way for forced channel changes to all other PEGs in the State of Hawaiʻi - Nā Leo on Hawaiʻi County, Akakū on Maui County, and Hoʻike on Kauaʻi County.

The hyper local programming ʻŌlelo provides includes City Council meetings, legislative hearings and sessions, community town halls, non-profit programs, and local stories produced by community media makers. In fact, ʻŌlelo provides the only local channel on Oʻahu dedicated to government programs, an essential tool for ensuring government transparency. Channel 49 and Video On Demand Channel 50 enables the Hawaiʻi State Legislature, government agencies, and local officials to communicate timely messages, air public hearings, and capture government programs that inform and engage civic participation.

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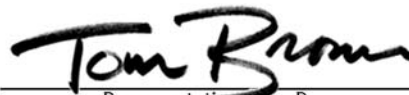


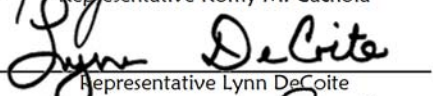


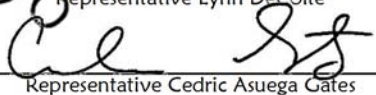








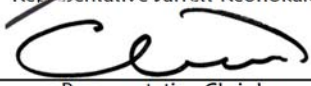
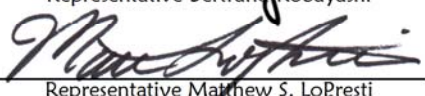
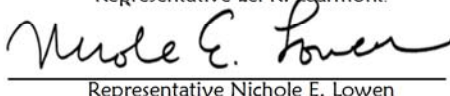

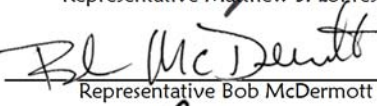
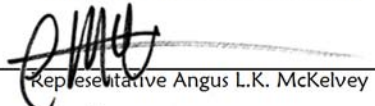
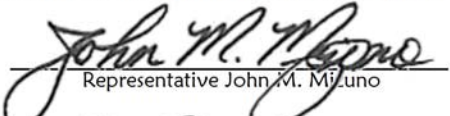
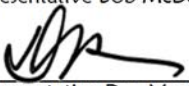




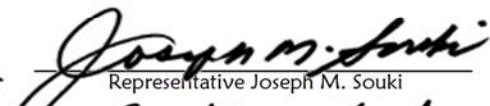



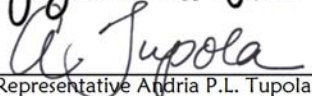


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Most recently, 'Ōlelo's 'Live at the Legislature' – a new production created in partnership with the Hawai'i State Legislature, is an example of 'Ōlelo's critical role in fulfilling the increasing demand for transparency in government by providing a weekly rundown of legislation circulating this session. Any change to 'Ōlelo's current channel assignment would be detrimental to our efforts and could irreversibly damage our ability to effectively connect with the people of Hawai'i.

We are also aware that in the digital migration of your cable services in greater Los Angeles, the PEG assigned channels remained at the same location. Here in O'ahu and throughout the state of Hawai'i, we request the same consideration. We strongly urge that all PEG channels remain at their current locations.

Sincerely,

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