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January 31, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Schott:

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

Charter Communications/Spectrum's decision to relocate Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channels on O'ahu is not in the best interest of our citizens and is not in the best interest of serving cable subscribers in Hawai'i. Spectrum's forced 'Ölelo channel change will pave the way for forced channel changes to all other PEGs in the State of Hawai'i - Nā Leo on Hawai'i County, Akakū on Maui County, and Ho'ike on Kaua'i County. The harm that will be done to communities statewide, the loss in services and viewership, and the economic harm to each of the brands they have built over decades is of great concern. Local community voices and non-commercial programs will be replaced by paid programming and commercial channels.

'Ölelo Community Media, O'ahu's non-profit PEG access provider, has been serving our communities for nearly 30 years. Like all other PEGs in the state, 'Ölelo 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 O'ahu, and spread throughout the state.

In addition, the other cable service provider, Hawaiian Telecom, will not be changing Olelo's channel numbers. The difference in the numbers from one cable provider to another will lead to confusion and a loss of viewership.

The hyper local programming 'Ölelo 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, 'Ölelo provides the only local channel on O'ahu dedicated to government programs, an essential tool for ensuring government transparency. Channel 49 and Video On Demand Channel 50 enables the Hawai'i State Legislature, government agencies, and local officials to communicate timely

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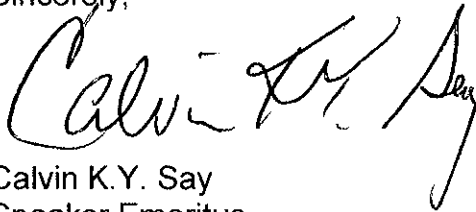
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messages, air public hearings, and capture government programs that inform and engage civic participation.

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.

I am 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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