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Cable Advisory Committee
 Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs
 335 Merchant Street, Rm. 101
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Dear Cable Advisory Committee Members:

Re: Charter/OTWC's Migration of Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG")
 Access Channels Related to the Digital Transition

Nā Leo TV is very concerned regarding Spectrum's desire to relocate 'Ōlelo's Community Access Channels to a higher numbered location in their digital line up. This move is clearly not in the best interest of the people of Hawai'i. Spectrum's misguided explanation falls somewhere between "corporate greed" and the total disregard for the importance of PEG television in our various communities.

There is no technical reason for this move. When Oceanic Time Warner, now Charter, negotiated for their franchise agreements, public testimony was clear and concise in asking for Higher Definition channels, and also NOT to move or relocate PEG access channels. These requests and concerns were also clearly made again during the transfer of the cable franchise from Oceanic Time Warner to Charter in 2015.

Though the DCCA did not include these very important points into the franchise and grant of transfer to Charter, it is never too late to remedy and include these provisions into the two remaining franchises for Maui and Kaua'i, with the caveat to make sure that ALL PEG channels throughout the state remain consistent in their channel numbering statewide. This would force Spectrum to keep the remaining PEG channels in their place, and the consistency mandate would force Spectrum to relocate back any channel movements that might go into effect, as a result of their channel slamming of 'Ōlelo's access channels. The advance notice of the DCCA/CAC desire to include this in the upcoming renewals would hopefully persuade Spectrum NOT to relocate 'Ōlelo or Nā Leo TV access channels. It should be noted that Hawaiian Tel, an all-digital network maintains the 'Ōlelo access channels at the current channels numbers - no change.

I clearly remember all the claims of Charter stating that they wanted to do right for the people of Hawai'i. We heard the testimony about how Charter treated PEG channels in other jurisdictions on the mainland, and we believed that the "aloha spirit" would not let that happen here. Charter seems to be just another mainland company, looking at Hawai'i



just as another revenue source, with no compassion or Aloha for the various communities that they purportedly serve. Well, thank goodness for the DCCA, the governmental entity that is tasked to look after the BEST INTEREST of the citizens of Hawai‘i, and not the SHAREHOLDERS of Charter!

I humbly ask the CAC and the DCCA use every and all powers presently and in the future to have Spectrum NOT relocate any PEG channels. You have the ability to protect the public interest in the invaluable local community channels from being sent to digital Siberia where freedom of speech, diversity of community programming, and the dedicated work of all community producers will be lost if Charter has its way. KEEP ALOHA for our Community Access television stations alive by standing up for Hawai‘i’s citizens!

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