

United States Senate

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

Dear Mr. Schott:

Hawaii relies on and values the media diversity, local content, and government transparency provided by community access PEG channels. So, it is not surprising that the reaction to Spectrum's plans to move the PEG channels on its Hawaii cable TV system from the 50s, where they currently reside, to the distant 180s has been overwhelmingly negative. Opponents of this plan believe it will confuse the public, impose a barrier to access, and devalue this rich content.

Hawaii residents, their representatives across the state, other PEG stakeholders, and the press have expressed their concerns about moving the PEG channels. The Honolulu City Council recently adopted a resolution to oppose changes to the PEG channel locations, and the Hawaii State Senate approved legislation to regulate PEG channel relocations. Community turnout at the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs public meeting on this matter was sizeable, and the attendees were engaged in opposition to Spectrum's proposal. Similarly, local newspapers have questioned Spectrum's proposal. Furthermore, many leaders in the state, including all of the county mayors as well as the majority of state representatives and senators, have voiced support for the PEG operators' position.

Time Warner Cable, your company's predecessor in Hawaii, had a positive working relationship with the state's PEG operators, and I suggest that you maintain that approach. As Time Warner Cable found, sensitivity to relationships, culture, history, and customs can go a long way to achieving success in Hawaii. I strongly encourage you to be responsive to local Hawaii concerns and hope that you will reconsider this flawed plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

