

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Please pass House Bill 5047 or Senate Bill 636 before the end of session.

Late last session, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation to create a uniform video franchising law (PA 480 of 2006). This law attempted to create meaningful competition related to cable service. In negotiations on Act 480, lawmakers promised that local units of government would receive 2 percent of gross video revenues specifically for public, education and government channels in addition to the 5-percent franchise fee.

This promise is not being fulfilled.

As current cable franchise agreements have expired, some cable companies are not paying the 2-percent PEG fee. The Michigan Legislature specifically intended for municipalities to receive this money to operate an important community resource. Failure to pay the 2-percent fee violates the agreement reached in negotiations on PA 480.

HB 5047 and SB 636 correct this. It makes sure that all municipalities have the option of getting a 2-percent fee to support their for public, education and government channels.

So please pass HB 5047 or SB 636 before the end of the 2007-08 legislative session.

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