

November , 2023

The Honorable William Smitty Pignatelli

State House

24 Beacon St room 166

Boston, MA, 02133

RE: Support of Community Television for the Southern Berkshires (CTSB)

Dear Representative Pignatelli:

My name is _____ and I am a community member who resides in your district. I have recently heard that Community Television for the Southern Berkshires will suffer drastic funding losses now that cable companies begin to stream cable subscriptions, this will severally impact services provided by CTSB.

CTSB is a vital and important communication resource for our community. Our community depends now on CTSB for local government and school board meetings, public events and many community program offerings serving all segments of population. Community programs include The Fall Festival of Shakespeare, Monument Mountain TV, Community Highlights, Sports Weekly, Berkshire Light, IWOW plus so much more.

I strongly ask you to support and advocate for *STATE HOUSE BILL 74 and STATE SENATE BIL.34* "An Act to Modernize Funding for Community Media". These bills support tax on mainstream companies such as Netflix, Disney, Hulu, Spectrum that are streaming video services across our public and private lands. I hope you will support this legislation with me that will ensure the vital services provided by Community Television for the Southern Berkshires (CTSB).

Sincerely,

Name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip code _____