

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Community Access Preservation Act or CAP Act (H.R. 3745). For 27 years I served at Soldier's Radio and Television (SRTV) and was it's director for 15 of those years. I retired from that position in September, 2005.

SRTV produces a bi-weekly award winning television series called "Army Newswatch." This half hour news program highlights and reports on all aspects of the U.S. Army and its personnel, active and retired. Army Newswatch is a mission critical television program for the U.S. Army, in that it provides unbiased and educational information about the Army to military and civilian populations.

I am proud to say that during my tenure, Army Newswatch was picked up by over 900 Public, Educational and Government (PEG) access television channels across this country. These channels reach over 50% of every U.S. household or almost 80% of all households with cable.

These channels air Army Newswatch for free at no expense to the taxpayers. I estimate that the value of this free air time is over \$25,000,000.00 per year to the federal government. In other words, if the Army had to pay for this time, \$25,000,000.00 is what it would have to pay.

The feedback we received from the PEG channels was astounding. They highly valued the programming and quite a few would schedule Army Newswatch in a "military" block of programming in prime time.

It is my understanding that in six states, PEG access television channels will lose their funding by 2012. In these states, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Florida and Georgia, PEG channels will be forced to be shut down because of the loss of funding. We have large active, reserve and retired Army personnel in these states and it will be a great loss for these people to lose a program they have come to rely on for up to the minute information about the Army and its initiatives.

Therefore, I urge you to support H.R. 3745, the Community Access Preservation Act. PEG television channels serve the local community and by airing Army Newswatch, they are serving the local community in the most patriotic and dedicated way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cassa Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.