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U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann
107 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bachmann,

I am writing you today on behalf of North Metro TV, which is a long-time and valued member of the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce. The MetroNorth Chamber represents almost 700 businesses across an array of industries and sizes. Our mission is to be the leading advocate and resource for business in the greater Anoka County area.

North Metro TV recently contacted the MetroNorth Chamber regarding the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, currently co-authored with bi-partisan support by U.S. Representative Steven LaTourette of Ohio and U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin. The revenue-neutral legislation would remove the distinction between 'capital' and 'operating' in PEG support fees so that centers may use these fees to support their operations and thereby keep their centers open and keep their channels on the air. North Metro TV would like to encourage you to support, or even co-sponsor, this legislation.

As I am sure you know public access television is a vitally important asset to our community. MetroNorth even produces a monthly business program called "Taking Care of Business;" by which we discuss issues important to our members. In fact, we'd love to have you as our guest at any time! Public access television also makes it possible for us to watch and monitor our local and county government meetings live, during frequent rebroadcasts, or on-demand by their web access, allowing us to keep abreast of important issues affecting businesses. The openness and unfiltered access to the governmental process is a unique, valued benefit solely available from public access stations and a hallmark of North Metro TV's rich history.

North Metro TV is an important fabric to our business community. Recently they received our highly competitive and coveted "Excellence in Business Award" in recognition of the extraordinary services which they provide. I therefore respectfully request that you give North Metro TV's request every consideration.

Thank you for your support of the MetroNorth Chamber, and thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at any time.

Sincerely,



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President, MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce

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