

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2011-59

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT H.R. 1746, THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH ADDRESSES CRITICAL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNELS.

WHEREAS, public, educational and government (PEG) access channels are one of the last surviving sources for local television programming across the country and our PEG channel plays a significant role for Yellow Springs; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels are a unique and valuable resource for local information and discourse for the residents of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, our PEG channel televises local government meetings, including village council, planning commission and other boards and panels, school board meetings, and township trustee meetings, so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local officials; and

WHEREAS, our PEG channel is also utilized to communicate with citizens on municipal events and services and also provide advisories and preparation directions to residents for emergency purposes; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels provide a window through which residents can view the diversity of cultures, educational information, recreational activities and artistic endeavors in their local community; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels reflect the unique identity of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels, and to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community to serve the residents of Ohio municipalities; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1746, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG; and

WHEREAS, the CAP Act provides important solutions for critical and immediate threats to PEG channels and facilities across the country by removing use restrictions on PEG access fees, restoring PEG revenue streams, and ending cable operators' discriminatory treatment of PEG channels; and

WHEREAS, the CAP Act would allow PEG fees to once again be used for any legitimate PEG expense, instead of restricting PEG fees to capital expenses only.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS OF OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. That the Village Council urges members of Ohio's Congressional Delegation to take all actions in support of the immediate passage of H.R. 1746, including, but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for H.R. 1746.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Ohio Congressional Delegation and the National League of Cities.

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Judith Hempfling, President of Council

Passed: 12-5-2011

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Judith Hempfling \_\_Y\_\_      Lori Askeland \_Y\_\_      Karen Wintrow \_\_Y\_\_

Rick Walkey\_Y\_\_      Gerald Simms \_Absent\_\_