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Ms. Judith F. Judson, Chairwoman
Mr. James Connelly, Commissioner
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Mr. Brian Paul Golden, Commissioner
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am fearful that if Verizon's current application before DTE is approved, you will be merely granting a license for class discrimination. It is no secret that if Verizon had its way (or any other business for that matter) it would cater only to the key demographics that would ensure the biggest return on their investment. In other words if they are going to invest their company resources in the necessary infrastructure to provide cable television service, they want to do so only where their return will be the greatest – wealthier neighborhoods more abie and willing to purchase their higher end products.

Though this may be an admirable business plan if you are a business school professor, how does this benefit the vast majority of low to middle income Massachusetts families? If Verizon wants to offer cable service to a particular section of a city or town they should have to offer it to the whole town. The only way to ensure this happens is by maintaining local control.

I hope DTE realizes this serious and potentially divisive problem and acts to preserve local control over cable companies.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Dunbar