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I am writing this letter in my capacity as Chair of the Longmeadow Cable Television Advisory Committee. Speaking on behalf of the Committee, I oppose granting Verizon's petition to amend Form 500 to no longer require disclosure of total subscribers.

This number is used to determine the franchise fee the Town of Longmeadow expects to receive from the cable provider. By multiplying the fee by the number of subscribers, the Town can verify that the payment received is accurate. Otherwise the Town is obligated to accept what the cable provider states as accurate. There are no objective checks on the truthfulness of the cable provider without this number on the Form 500.

The current cable provider has had no problem providing this number, and simple bookkeeping practices provide Verizon with this information. There is no rational reason for Verizon or any cable provider to withhold this number. Therefore I urge you to deny the petition of Verizon.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Wolman, Chair

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