

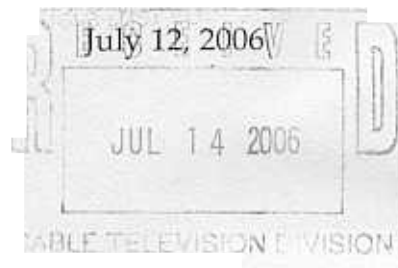


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Ms. Alicia Matthews
Director, Cable Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Director Matthews:

I am writing on behalf of Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce in support of Verizon's petition to the Department of Telecommunications to establish a shorter and more predictable timeline for the cable franchise process in Massachusetts.

We believe in competition. Many of our members are small business owners that compete vigorously in their respective markets. All want more choices in technology to support their own operations, and providing them a chance in their pursuit of technology opportunities will be positive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this question and please record us in favor of the streamlined franchising process in CTV-06-1.

Sincerely,


Joseph J. Bevilacqua
President/CEO
MVCC

Cc: Janice Tartaka, Director of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation
Chairwoman Judith Judson
Commissioner James Connelly
Commissioner W. Robert Keating
Commissioner Brian Paul Golden