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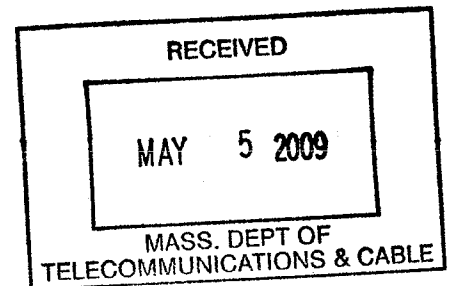


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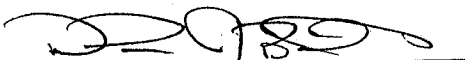
Dear Ms. Williams.

On behalf of the Southborough Board of Selectmen and the Southborough Cable Television Committee, I would like to submit comments for the May 15, 2009 public hearing on the proposed petition by Verizon regarding subscriber counts. The Town of Southborough is opposed to the amendment of eliminating the requirement for Verizon to report its total number of subscribers to municipalities.

The requirement that cable operators report the number of subscribers to a community is decades old. Subscriber count information is an important metric used in assessing the cable provider services to Southborough residents. Without this information, it would make it increasingly difficult to verify compliance of Verizon payments that are based on subscriber counts as well as determine the proportionality of complaints to overall subscribers.

Subscriber count information remains critical to municipal cable license negotiations and ongoing license oversight to insure license compliance. On behalf of the residents of the Town of Southborough, I urge you not to approve this amendment.

Sincerely


William J. Boland, Chairman
Southborough Board of Selectmen

Cc: Attorney Epstein, Southborough Cable Committee