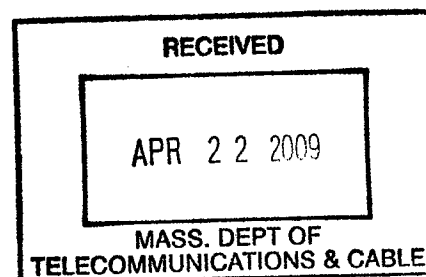


April 20, 2009

Catrice C. Williams, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Two South Station, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02110



Dear Secretary Williams:

I write as the current Co-Chair of Willinet which administers the public access station for Williamstown, MA.

Our Executive Director, Deb Dane, has recently urged our Board of Selectmen to oppose Verizon's request to withhold cable subscriber information from public disclosure by amending Form 500. Williamstown is a small town which has one cable provider, Time Warner. Our budget for Willinet is tied directly to the number of subscribers Time Warner has in Williamstown. Once that information, which is now available to the public, no longer need be disclosed by any cable company, we will have no way to hold Time Warner accountable for the revenue they owe us.

We are currently attempting to accurately determine how many subscribers Time Warner has at the local private college, Williams College. If Form 500 is amended as Verizon requests, we will have no way to verify the information they have given us. We are also facing a renegotiation of our contract with Time Warner in two years. This is a classic situation of the volunteers of a small town having to go up against the lawyers and professional negotiators of a mega corporation which has a monopoly - if you want cable TV in our town, the only choice is Time Warner. We have few negotiating tools and one of those is public disclosure.

I urge you, for the sake of unfettered, grass roots freedom of expression not to allow Verizon's requested amendment of Form 500.

Sincerely,

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