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Re: HB5814

This is testimony for HB 5814 concerning community providers. There are serious problems with the management of Sound View Community Inc. (hereinafter SVCM) in Bridgeport. SVCM receives \$500,000 under a state government authorized program to administer the PEG channels for Cablevision.

For all intents and purposes there is no public accountability or oversight of this governmentally mandated subsidy.

For more than four years since December 1, 2003 I have been illegally barred from using equipment at Sound View Community Media, Inc.

After undergoing the required training at SVCM on October 16, 2002 I was certified as a public access cable TV producer in a letter I received from Thomas J. Castelot, president of SVCM. Under SVCM rules such certification allows full access to their studio and extensive array of technical equipment.

A year later in a letter dated October 28, 2003 Castelot informed me I would no longer be allowed to use their equipment because of an equipment mishap.

SVCM rules allow for a maximum 8-week suspension of equipment privileges for such a mishap which Castelot has ignored (cf. SVCM Penalties rules, p. 31 dated 8-1-01).

In a sign of just how deep the corruption at this non-profit corporation goes not a single member of the ten-member SVCM Board of Directors responded to my appeal of this grievance sent on October 23, 2003.

The SVCM Board includes every member of their grievance committee, which failed to follow SVCM rules regarding appeal of grievances.

In an effort to find some way to get my grievance addressed I attended more than ten meetings of the local cable advisory council, which I found to be nearly totally dysfunctional and of no help.

Though their long-standing chairman Howard Jacobson repeatedly promised to do so he was never able to assemble their grievance committee to address SVCM's illegal action.

Please let me know if you would like to receive documentation regarding SVCM illegal activities.