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Energy & Technology Committee  
State of Connecticut  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford CT 06106

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to Raised Bill No. 5509 of the February, 2010 (LCO No. 2102). NHTV believes that the current quality of the video signal of the PEG channels is comparable to that of traditional cable TV providers, and, in the past year, the speed of the download of PEG services on AT&T has improved.

However, while NHTV believes that public, educational and governmental (PEG) community access channels should have the same "accessibility" as standard broadcast and cable networks (traditional channel –vs- "channel 99 drop-down" menu), NHTV does not support Raised Bill 5509 in the sense that if enacted, the Bill could cause AT&T U-Verse to reconsider serving Connecticut, and potentially result in a "shutdown" of their service to Connecticut residents, as it is our understanding that the current AT&T U-Verse system backbone architecture does not support this type of delivery due to the system's "statewide" architecture. Though, conversely, NHTV has seen positive benefits of the "statewide" reach of the PEG access channels carried on U-Verse.

NHTV has experienced a very positive relationship with AT&T U-Verse representatives. The interconnection process of the PEG channels onto the U-Verse system was handled in a very professional manner, with AT&T representatives providing assistance when needed to ensure a smooth launch of carriage, as well as follow-up when there was a signal problem from the station's transmission point.

NHTV believes that a fair number of direct broadcast satellite (DBS) subscribers of such services as DirecTV and DishNet have in fact migrated to AT&T U-Verse, resulting in increased local PEG availability, thus expanding PEG viewership. NHTV hopes and believes that as technology evolves, AT&T U-Verse will eventually be able to offer PEG channels in the same traditional manner as cable TV providers, in a linear channel functionality.

Specifically, NHTV believes a day will come where local PEG channels can be "addressed" via zip code. For example, an AT&T U-Verse subscriber in North Haven would be able to select channel 18 and receive the North Haven public access channel. This would be done in a manner in which North Haven subscribers U-Verse converters are addressed via ZIP codes, and all those with a 06473 (North Haven) ZIP code would immediately receive a PEG channel "channel-mapped" using that ZIP code. NHTV urges AT&T U-Verse to explore this technology. This would result in PEG channels being able to be delivered in a traditional linear channel manner (same a broadcast signals and cable networks) and also allow AT&T U-Verse to continue to offer its services in Connecticut, without legislation potentially threatening the fiscal viability of their system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter L. Mann", is written over a light-colored background.

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