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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6460

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 16-331gg of the general statutes is repealed and
4 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011, and*
5 *applicable to calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2012*):

6 (a) A community antenna television company, a certified
7 competitive video service provider that was providing service as a
8 community antenna television company pursuant to section 16-331 on
9 October 1, 2007, or a holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority
10 that provides services within a service territory of a third-party
11 nonprofit community access provider that serves six municipalities,
12 one of which has a population of more than one hundred thirty
13 thousand, shall direct the sum of one hundred thousand dollars per

14 year from the funds collected from subscribers in [said] such service
15 territory that it provides to [the existing third-party nonprofit
16 community access provider serving six municipalities, one of which
17 has a population of more than one hundred thirty thousand,] such
18 provider directly to the service territory's community antenna
19 television advisory council for developing town-specific education and
20 government community access programming. Such sum shall be
21 directed annually in two equal disbursements, one of which shall be on
22 or before March first and one of which shall be on or before June first.

23 (b) A community antenna television advisory council that receives
24 funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall distribute [said]
25 such funds in their entirety to a town organization, authority, body or
26 official in the service territory of [a third-party nonprofit community
27 access provider serving six municipalities, one of which has a
28 population of more than one hundred thirty thousand] such provider,
29 to support the development of production and programming
30 capabilities for town-specific education and government public access
31 programming, pursuant to grant procedures and processes established
32 by said council.

33 (c) Any community antenna television advisory council that
34 receives funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall report
35 annually to the Department of Public Utility Control all completed or
36 planned disbursements of funds and certify that [said] such funds
37 were spent in their entirety and used for the public good in the
38 creation, production and development of town-specific education and
39 government public access programming for at least one of the towns in
40 its service territory.

41 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any community antenna
42 television company or nonprofit organization providing community
43 access operations that supplied original programming from locally run
44 operations and provided funding to town-specific programming on
45 January 1, 2008, shall continue to fund town-specific programming in
46 such proportions to funding for original programming from locally

47 run operations as of January 1, 2008.

48 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) Any company or nonprofit
 49 organization responsible for community access operations that
 50 receives funds pursuant to subsection (k) of section 16-331a of the
 51 general statutes may use such funds for the creation and development,
 52 including, but not limited to, labor and staff expenses, of town-specific
 53 community access programming."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011, and applicable to calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2012</i>	16-331gg
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section