

# ATTENTION BELMONT



belmont media center

## **SAMPLE COMMENTS for FCC Filing MB 05-311 \***

Below are a few sample comments that you can use, edit or excerpt when filing your comments online to the FCC > [bit.ly/SaveCommunityMedia](http://bit.ly/SaveCommunityMedia)

I am against OR I oppose the FCC's proposed new rule in any form as it will likely defund and eliminate a critical community resource: Belmont Media Center (our PEG access TV channel provider).

This FCC rule, if adopted, will harm the public, the local school system, and our local government in Belmont, MA, by eliminating the necessary funding formula or reducing franchise fees that are a part of the cable TV systems, operated by Verizon & Comcast. By contrast, the current interpretation of federal law which has been in force for decades and continues to serve the best interests of the public by sustaining our local electronic communications network and infrastructure.

As a resident of Belmont MA, and a parent of students in the Belmont Public Schools, my family & I derive great benefit directly from the services, local programming, and classes that our local PEG access TV channel provides through our school system, at no cost to taxpayers, local government, or schools.

Every day, students in the middle school use the new Library TV studio that was built by and is operated by our PEG Access Channel (Belmont Media Center) at no additional costs to taxpayers, local government or to the public schools. This new and vital educational media resource would not have been possible without the franchise fees collected by the Town of Belmont and directed to fund operations of Belmont Community Media Center, which was founded and mandated to serve the public, schools and government.

As a taxpayer it is vital and necessary that Belmont Media Center provide live & recorded local TV coverage of our School Committee & Board of Selectmen as residents consider a vote to fund the construction of a new high school. Adoption of this new rule by the FCC will destroy Belmont Media Center's vital mission to keep taxpayers informed and educated about how our local & state government works and the actions it takes that affect all.

### **Need more info or have a question?**

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