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Mr. Martin Nichols, Director
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

I understand that the Marin Telecommunications Agency is in the process of negotiating a franchise agreement with Comcast for cable television service in Marin County.

I urge you to consider establishing a community-based nonprofit organization to administer PEG (Public, Education and Government) channels, a service required by the federal government in order to provide the community with local outlets and access. Such an agency, governed by a locally elected board, would be uniquely qualified to ensure that programming addressed the many different constituencies of Marin County.

Many of these constituencies worked successfully with MTA, Comcast, and elected officials to resolve issues concerning FM radio service, and I am confident that the same spirit of cooperation can be brought forward to develop the best system for administration of PEG channels.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
 Member of Congress

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cc: Ms. Lee Ann Peling, Comcast Cable Communications