



October 4, 2023

Michigan House of Representatives  
Regulatory and Reform Committee Chair  
The Honorable Jerome Carter

Dear Representative Carter,

This is a letter in opposition to **HB4965** which is under review by the Michigan House Regulatory and Reform Committee.

Passing this bill will have a direct impact on local Video Service franchising revenue in the City of St. Clair.

Currently St. Clair collects Cable Television Franchise Fees in the amount of \$103,205. This revenue contributes to the operation and delivery of government services like police, fire, parks, and public right of way maintenance.

With the decline, and eventual retirement of traditional cable television services, these constitutionally mandated franchise fees will fall to zero. If HB4965 is passed all future paid subscription streaming video services (YouTube TV, HULU, Netflix, AT&T Direct TV, ESPN+, etc.) will still be delivered through our Public Rights of Way at NO COST to these multibillion-dollar companies.

Exempting paid subscription streaming services (YouTube TV, HULU, Netflix, AT&T Direct TV, ESPN+, etc.) from paying Public Right of Way (ROW) franchise fees will have a negative effect on the residents of St. Clair.

Please stand firm in your support of local communities' ability to generate revenue to better serve their citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration

All my best,

Quentin Bishop  
City of St. Clair Superintendent