



To: Regulatory Reform Committee: Rep. Tyrone Carter, Chair.

C/O Molly Wingrove, Committee Clerk

From: Ian J. Locke, ONTV Executive Director

Re: Opposition to HB4965

This is a letter in opposition to **HB4965** which is before the House Regulatory and Reform Committee.

Passing this bill will have a direct impact on local Video Service franchising revenue in Orion Township.

Currently Orion Township collects Cable Television Franchise Fees in the amount of \$705,000 annually. This revenue is needed for the operation and delivery of services in our community like police, fire, parks, right of way maintenance, and Community Media operations.

With the decline, and eventual retirement of traditional Cable Television services, these Constitutionally Mandated franchise fees will go to ZERO. All future paid subscription 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 damaging effect on Orion Township's bottom line for years to come if HB4965 is enacted.

Do not give away these legal and Constitutionally Mandated Right of Way fees to multibillion dollar corporations.

I am speaking on behalf of Orion Township, The Village of Lake Orion, The Orion Cable Commission (OCCCC), and Orion Neighborhood Television.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian J. Locke".

Ian J. Locke

Executive Director, ONTV

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