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

C/O Molly Wingrove, Committee Clerk

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From: (Oxford Community Television)

Re: Opposition to HB4965

October 9, 2023

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 Oxford and Addison Townships as well as the villages of Oxford and Leonard.

Currently our communities collect Cable Television Franchise Fees in the amount of \$343,145, collectively, annually. This revenue is needed for the operation and delivery of services in our community like police, fire, parks, and right of way maintenance as well as delivering *local...relevant information* to our residents.

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, yet our residents will continue to pay the same amount to cable providers as they are paying now, which those providers will not adjust the cost back to the consumer.

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 our Oxford and Addison communities' 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. **This action would not only take dollars away from our communities but would give it back to the multibillion dollar companies. Additionally, it would take away the community ability to consume our only local news and governmental information source.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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