

Molly Wingrove

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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Opposition to HB4965

Hello,

This message is in regards to **HB4965** which is before the House Regulatory and Reform Committee.

I wanted to make sure you are aware that passing this bill will have a direct impact on local Video Service Franchising revenue in Ypsilanti Township, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and other municipalities. Currently, these municipalities collect Cable Television Franchise Fees which is needed for the operation and delivery of services like police, fire, parks, and right of way maintenance. 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 corporations.

If **HB4965** is enacted, exempting paid subscription streaming services (YouTube TV, HULU, Netflix, AT&T Direct TV, ESPN+ etc.) from paying Public Rights of Way (ROW) Franchise Fees, it will have a damaging effect on the financial health of Ypsilanti Township, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and many other municipalities for years to come.

Please do not give away these legal and Constitutionally Mandated Public Rights of Way Franchise Fees to multibillion-dollar corporations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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