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The Honorable Jeffrey Sánchez, Chairman  
House Committee on Ways & Means  
Room 243, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

**RE: Senate Bill 2577: An Act To Support Community Access Television.**

Dear Chairman Sánchez,

I am writing to ask your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 2577: An Act To Support Community Access Television.

As you know, this important legislation would compel large cable companies to allow community media access to High Definition channel space and the right to publicize scheduling information on Electronic Programming Guides. This will ensure that community access television will continue to be accessible to all members of the community. In addition, this legislation will allow for arts-based activities and local events to continue to receive the publicity they deserve. This will also maintain a level of transparency between municipalities and their constituents regarding important issues in the community. This legislation will also not lead to an increased cost for cable subscribers or for taxpayers.

Chairman Sánchez, I would ask your favorable report of Senate Bill 2577 in order that the entire House might address this important community media issue. This will put Massachusetts in the forefront of the efforts to ensure proper access to community access television.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Arciero".

James Arciero  
State Representative