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Via Email: tkogut@ripuc.state.ri.us

Thomas F. Kogut, Associate Administrator (CATV)
RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Proposed Amended Regulations

Dear Mr. Kogut:

Please be advised that the undersigned serves as Solicitor for both the Towns of Bristol and Barrington. We are in receipt of the Hearing Notice regarding the proposed Cable Rulemaking Proceeding which could potentially allow the closing of the Bristol studio.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Town Councils of both Barrington and Bristol have voted to object to the proposal to amend the regulations which would reduce by one the "minimum number of fixed public access studios operated statewide by the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority (RIPTA)." The Bristol Council meeting vote took place on Wednesday, July 18th, and the Barrington Council vote took place on Monday, July 30th.

The closing of the studio located in Bristol would be highly detrimental to the citizenry of those areas which this studio serves. Every cable subscriber is paying a fee to ensure that a public access studio be made available within a reasonably accessible geographic area. It is the position of the Barrington and Bristol Town Councils that closing this studio would not serve the best interests of the public. Consequently, we respectfully request that the studio remain open.

Finally, please note that neither town has any objection to the "housekeeping" statutory language changes.

Yours sincerely,

URSILLO, TEITZ & RITCH, LTD.

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cc: The Honorable June S. Speakman, President, Barrington Town Council
The Honorable Kenneth A. Marshall, Chairman, Bristol Town Council
Linda H. James, Barrington Town Clerk
The Honorable Louis P. Cirillo, Bristol Town Clerk