

HOUSE No. 2682

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balseer and Antonio F. D. Cabral

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act supporting community access television.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balseer</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>

<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Representatives Balser of Newton and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2682) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to require cable television operators to provide public, educational, and governmental access channels. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act supporting community access television.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 166A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the following section:-

3 Section 23. For the purpose of this section a cable television operator shall include
4 multichannel video programming distributors as defined by federal law in 47 USC section 522
5 (7).

6 All cable television operators shall provide public, educational, and governmental access
7 channels and connections so that operators of said channels may deliver, and subscribers may
8 receive, public, educational, and governmental access channel signals equivalent in quality to
9 local broadcast signals carried on the system, in the same formats as the primary local broadcast
10 signals are delivered. All cable television operators shall simultaneously carry each public,

11 educational and governmental access channel in both a high definition format and a standard
12 digital format in the same manner as local broadcast channels are provided.

13 Further, all cable television operators shall provide public, educational and governmental
14 access channels access to electronic programming guides so that subscribers may record, select
15 and view public, educational and governmental access channels, in the same manner local
16 broadcast channels and information provided with the local broadcast channels can be recorded,
17 selected, viewed and used.