

SENATE No. 1857

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/10/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2017</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1857) of John F. Keenan, Sal N. DiDomenico, Michael J. Rodrigues, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation to support community access television. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**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.