

June 14, 2017

Senator Scott Oelslager
Ohio Senate
One Capital Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Senate Substitute Version H.B. 49

Dear Chairman Oelslager:

On behalf of the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association, our members and their 8,300 employees and, most importantly, their more than two million video customers in Ohio, I wish to extend our gratitude to you and your colleagues for preserving Ohio's current tax structure as it relates to the provision of video service.

As you know, Ohio cable television customers already pay a tax on their service at the local level, often referred to as a franchise or video service provider fee. The new proposed sales tax on cable service included in the administration's budget proposal would have more than doubled our customers' tax burden.

We greatly appreciate your recognition that taxing cable service at both the local and state level would be inequitable and overly burdensome to Ohio cable customers.

Very truly yours,



Jonathon L. McGee
Executive Director

cc: President Larry Obhof
Minority Leader Kenny Yuko
Senate Finance Committee Members
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Ray Di Rossi
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