

The Honorable Paul Mark  
Massachusetts State House  
24 Beacon St, Room 504  
Boston, MA 02133

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

RE: Support of Community Television for the Southern Berkshires (CTSB)

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I strongly ask you to support and advocate for *STATE HOUSE BILL 74* and *STATE SENATE BILL 34 "An Act to Modernize Funding for Community Media"*. These bills support tax on mainstream companies that stream video services across our public and private lands, such as Netflix, Disney, Hulu, and Spectrum. I strongly encourage you to support this legislation which will ensure the continuation of the vital services provided by CTSB in our future.

Sincerely,

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