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June 8, 1983

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

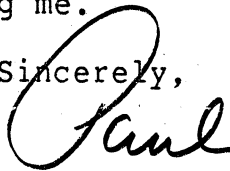
Thank you for contacting me regarding S. 66, the proposed Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983. This bill would deregulate cable television services across the country.

As you know, the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) agreed to a compromise regarding this legislation. The final draft of S. 66 was to reflect this compromise; however, numerous cities have recently expressed serious reservations about the final wording of the Senate Commerce Committee's bill.

I hope that S. 66 can be amended when it comes before the full Senate in June. If it remains unchanged, the ability of cities and towns to regulate the cable industry would be substantially impaired. I believe that a balance must be achieved between the need for cable deregulation and the needs of municipalities and consumers. Please be assured that I will keep your concerns in mind as this bill comes before the Senate.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Sincerely,



PAUL E. TSONGAS
United States Senator

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Comm. from Senator Paul Tsongas in appreciation of resolutions adopted by the City Council Re: Senate Bill 66, the proposed Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983.

In City Council,

June 20, 1983

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