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The Honorable Attorney General Lisa Madigan
Office of the Attorney General
State of Illinois
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: AT&T Non-compliance with the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007

Dear Attorney General Madigan:

I am writing on behalf of the board and membership of Illinois NATOA to request a meeting with you regarding AT&T's continual failure to comply with 220 ILCS 5/21-601, the Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007 as it pertains to Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access programming.

We are interested to hear about your findings from investigations your office has conducted regarding this matter. To date there has been no enforcement of AT&T's discriminatory treatment of PEG channels by banishing them to a channel 99 submenu application. This submenu system is clearly not the intent nor the letter of the law.

AT&T tried to hide behind the word "feasible," when putting this system into place. Illinois NATOA commissioned an independent engineering study to see if it was "feasible," to place PEG channels in the normal channel lineup, like the other cable providers in Illinois. The study not only proved that it was possible for AT&T to place PEG channels in the normal line up, but concluded that "IP-based video technologies offer greater, not less, flexibility to localize channel line ups."

A number of localities in Illinois have not placed PEG channels on the AT&T system while waiting for the Attorney General's Office to enforce AT&T's compliance with Illinois law. We continue to wait.

The 2013 sunset of Illinois' cable law is rapidly approaching, making a meeting at your soonest convenience all the more important. I will contact you in a week to set a date convenient for your schedule. Illinois NATOA board and members plan to be in attendance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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