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Dear Ayer Cable Advisory Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the requested increase in funding in the Town Cable License Contract with Comcast.

We at the Ayer Library, in keeping with the ideals and responsibilities of our profession, believe that communities deserve free and open access to information. While many assume our interest is limited to the world of publishing and entertainment via books, periodicals, and DVDs, our most fundamental work is to help people better understand themselves and their place in any number of communities large or small.

In this spirit, we are hopeful the Ayer Cable Advisory Committee is successful in its request. These funds will ultimately go towards more appropriately funding the Ayer Public Access Channel, a critical local vehicle for broadcasting cultural and educational programs and documenting the functioning of Town government. Without public access channels like APAC, communities lack grassroots avenues for celebrating the civic life of their place of residence, and are ultimately denied an incredibly potent tool for understanding themselves.

Sincerely,

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Director
Ayer Library