



March 17, 2025

Dear Members of the House Legacy Finance Committee:

Re: HR1740 Appropriation for community cable television stations

The City of Maple Grove offers our support of HF1740 appropriation for community cable television stations. The Legacy Fund appropriation will provide funding for public, educational, and government cable television stations across the state to continue valuable community programming at the most local level. Our local station is Northwest Suburbs Cable Communication Commission/CCX Media. Their work is very important to our city.

HF 1740/SF2289 will help fill the funding gap caused by people cutting the cord on traditional cable television. Community Television stations, like CCX Media, rely on cable TV franchise fees and PEG fees to support coverage of government meetings, candidate statements, election programming, live coverage of sports events and city parades, news stories, plus coverage of community events, festivals, the arts and more.

This funding will help keep CCX Media serving the needs of our community. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Steffenson
Mayor