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Why is Cable TV Reform Needed in Wisconsin? Roundtable Discussion and Informational Briefing

Sponsored by Representative Gary Hebl, the Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities and the Communication Workers of America Locals 4603 and 4622

Session 1:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

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ST. NORBERT COLLEGE MULVA LIBRARY PRESENTATION ROOM

3rd Street

De Pere, Wisconsin

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Session 2:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

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CITY OF OAK CREEK COUNCIL CHAMBERS

8640 S. Howell Avenue

Oak Creek, Wisconsin

It has been two years since the Video Competition Bill became law amidst a barrage of TV-4-US ads and one of the most intense lobbying efforts the legislature has ever seen. Bill backers promised consumers lower rates, cable competition, more jobs for union workers, and the preservation of community access television stations. **Have those promises been kept? Mounting evidence says no.**

- A Legislative Audit Bureau Study says **cable rates are skyrocketing.**
- Just before Christmas, AT&T announced **another 52 union workers are losing their jobs.**
- **Wausau Community Television is on the brink of closing its doors** because of the loss of funding from Charter Communications.

So what can be done? The Cable Consumer Repair Bill (AB606), introduced by Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) and Sen. Kathleen Vinehout (D-Alma) with 29 co-sponsors, would strengthen the hand of consumers, ensure residents get to keep their community access (PEG) television stations, and expand video and broadband roll-out to more of Wisconsin, providing jobs for union workers.

Join Rich Pearson, Vice-President, Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 4603, Milwaukee (Oak Creek only), Rob Boelk, President, CWA Local 4622, Oshkosh, Dr. Barry Orton, UW-Madison (Oak Creek only), Jerry Musial, Cable Television Coordinator, City of West Allis (De Pere only), Mary Cardona, Executive Director, Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels, former state senator Gary Goyke and invited area legislators or their representatives, non-profit organizations, city leaders, and guests for a lively roundtable discussion. Free and open to the public.

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