



## SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**To:** Michigan Residents  
**From:** Caren Collins, Executive Director  
**Date:** January 31, 2006  
**Re:** Letter Writing Campaign

*Do you want fair cable competition?*

*Do you want your local municipality to retain control over who digs up the streets?*

*Do you want your city to have proper funding to maintain the rights-of-way without profit-making companies using them for free?*

*Do you want to make sure your taxpayer dollars don't pay for profitable companies to use your local resources?*

*Do you want to be sure you have someone locally who can resolve cable problems and issues quickly?*

*Do you want to watch local and state government, local schools and community events? Do you want immediate access to local emergency information?*

The cable franchise that Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi have with Bright House Cable assures all these things. In Washington D.C and Lansing, there are efforts to take away local government's authority to have a contract with cable operators and collect franchise fees for use of the public's rights-of-way.

Take a few minutes to sign these letters and let your elected representatives know that you don't want the phone companies coming in and taking all this away. Please join us in telling them that you feel local control and local access TV are important. Get on the record that you think competition is important, that everyone should be treated the same, and that the telephone companies should NOT be given preferential treatment.

- Please sign each letter
- Put your full address on each letter. *You may use a stamp or return address label.*
- Please keep the letters in the same order.
- Return letters to SWOCC studios or to the person who gave them to you. Volunteers at SWOCC Studios will fax these letters OR you may fax them yourself if you choose.
- Please return letters ASAP so that we can communicate with our elected officials in a timely manner.