

RESOLUTION No. 2 - 87

Butler County, Ohio

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees of Union Township,
that :

Adopted the _____ day of _____ 19_____

Attest: _____
Township Clerk.

Township Trustees

RESOLUTION NO. 2-1987

Urging the Congress of the United States to review and amend the provisions of S.B. 66, The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, which deregulate the rate review and rate setting authority of cable franchisors.

WHEREAS, The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 has, for most franchise areas, removed all rate setting authority over cable operators from all Federal, State and local agencies as of December 30, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the gradual removal of any kind of rate setting authority or review has resulted in enormous increases in the costs to customers, depending upon their cable supplier and location; and

WHEREAS, cable subscribers in the Union Township, Ohio franchise area have recently been informed of a nearly 100 percent increase in the cost of economy service and a nearly 280 percent increase in the cost of additional outlets on the economy level, plus many other similarly substantial increases in various levels of service; and

WHEREAS, existing law provides no checks whatsoever on the ability of most cable franchisees to exact exorbitant prices and reap unreasonable profits from the citizens whose rights-of-way have been placed at the companies' disposal; and

WHEREAS, the inability to impose reasonable restraints on the rate setting powers of cable operators has reduced the ability of franchisors to enforce provisions of franchise agreements freely entered into by cable companies; and

WHEREAS, Warner Cable Communications, Inc. expressly promised during the franchise award process to submit its basic rates to regulation despite any subsequent change in Federal regulation; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Union Township Board of Trustees, Butler County, Ohio:

Section I That the Congress of the United States review and amend the provisions of S. B. 66, The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, in light of the onerous and unfettered imposition of rate increases by cable operators in the aftermath of substantial deregulation of contractually agreed to rate setting provisions of the franchise agreement between Union Township and Warner Cable Communications, Inc.

Section II That the Congress take such action as is necessary to assure a reasonable, nonconfiscatory rate setting scheme long before the 1990 due date for the Federal Communication Commission report to Congress on the effects of rate deregulation on cable services, as set forth in Section 623 of the cable Act, as the damage by then may be far too extensive to rectify.

Section III That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and the copies hereof be sent to the ICRC whereby they will be forwarded to the attached:

Adopted the 20th day of January 19 87

Attest: Patricia Williams
Township Clerk

[Signature]
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Township Trustees

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