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TO: John Bairos Manager, Government & Community Relations  
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John:

Thanks for spending some time on the telephone with me today. As you and I now know, both you and I have been contacted this week by First Selectmen in the Comcast service area of Northwest, CT. (Curtis Rand, Salisbury, Doug Humes, North Canaan, Patricia Mechare, Canaan) In addition, after being contacted by those three, I have had contact with a fourth (Robert Loucks, Sharon).

As we discussed on the telephone, all of the First Selectmen mentioned are NOT in favor of our planned transfer of control of the local access operation to the non-profit headed by Mike. They all would prefer an open procedure, opening the process so anyone might apply. This will look like, and is in fact, a rejection of our plan. In the process, they have all seen or received letters asking for support from Mike, and all are prepared to give their opinions on it at their town Selectman's meetings...all to a man and women are against the idea. With out their support, this plan will never pass muster and get approval from The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

As I mentioned on the phone today, Our board does NOT want this conversation which will include Tri-State, and Comcast, to focus on why they are not supporting this measure...this is bad publicity for Tri-State, and Comcast, and Mike's group. We rely on good will, and positive feelings from not only the community, but it's political leaders as well. We also rely on contributions, listeners, and support. Our board feels that without the support of any of the first selectmen in this process, we can not continue with the transfer we have talked about, and planned on. And we don't want this dirty laundry aired in public in each towns selectman's meeting. So effective with this email, we have made a painful decision. Tri-State is ending this process, and pulling the arrangement off the table, and Tri-State will continue management of the local access channels in our area.

After speaking with you today, I am glad that we are in agreement. Lets possibly revisit this at a future date. In the meantime, Jill and I will once again become involved on a day-to-day basis in CATV 6 again, programming decisions, management, equipment, filming, training, etc., working closely with Mike in redirecting the image, and the programming of the station.

I am emailing a copy of this letter, to Mike, Anna McGuire, and the First Selectman to who have contacted me, so they can remove this from any possible agenda that might be coming up at their next selectmen's meeting.

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to continuing our great relationship.

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