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Honorable Rick Snyder Governor of Michigan

Honorable Members of the Senate Secretary of the Senate

Honorable Members of the House of Representatives Clerk of the House of Representatives

Re: Michigan Public Service Commission's Discontinuance of its Video Franchise Duties

Section 15 of 2006 PA 480, the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act (the Act), provides a funding mechanism for the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) to exercise its duties as prescribed within the Act. The funding mechanism for the Commission to exercise its duties expired on December 31, 2015.

Currently, the Commission does not have funding available to conduct video service activities as provided by the Act, and is no longer conducting these activities as of December 31, 2015. The Commission is sending this letter in lieu of its February 1, 2016 annual report. The Commission remains committed to fulfilling its statutory responsibilities subject to available funding, and stands ready to work with the Legislature to either reinstate the funding mechanism or remove the Commission's duties under the Act.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman Michigan Public Service Commission

John D. Quackenbush, Commissioner Michigan Public Service Commission

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner Michigan Public Service Commission