

**Resolution of the 46th District Democrats  
Opposing SB6003 / HB1983 Which Give Away Our Local Communications Rights  
by Eliminating Local Cable Franchises**

WHEREAS, the 46th District Democrats have consistently taken a stand for strong public interest benefits in all cable television franchise agreements, and

WHEREAS, the members of the 46th District Democrats appreciate and treasure our existing communication rights under state and federal laws, and stand opposed to any restriction of our rights in the name of corporate greed, and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence to support changes to our current system of awarding lucrative cable franchises at the local level, where community concerns and local needs are best understood and represented, and

WHEREAS, no community in the United States has ever failed to award a cable franchise to a competitor who wished to enter the market and serve customers, and

WHEREAS, the 46th District Democrats support healthy competition in the cable and communications markets, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6003 (SB6003) and companion House Bill 1983 (HB1983) seek to eliminate local cable franchise authority and eliminate the public interest benefits from cable franchises the people of Washington have come to enjoy for decades;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats oppose SB6003 / HB1983, and we request that our State Legislators oppose these bills which giveaway of our existing rights under current law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge all Democratic Party organizations in Washington State to oppose SB6003 / HB1983 and request their legislators to oppose them;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge our members to tell friends and neighbors about this threat to our communications rights, and urge them to call or write their legislators and friends in opposition to SB 6003 / HB1983.

*Sponsored by Sylvia Haven  
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