

## Sample Letters to the Editor

Dear letters editor:

While we often take it for granted, who among us wouldn't miss our local television channels?

My morning starts by getting the weather and traffic reports and ends with a late night show laugh – all courtesy of local, broadcast television.

And while everyone is pinching pennies these days, it's the one thing you can still get for free – all you need is an antenna.

Most of us have some type of television service – like cable or satellite – and that's fine too, except when they don't want to carry local channels.

When cable companies are making billions annually in profits on the backs of consumers, they can at least give us what we want. These companies need to listen to their customers: We want our local TV channels.

Dear letters editor 2:

I've heard recently that some cable and satellite companies are complaining that they have to get permission from local TV stations to carry their channels.

Of course it's all about money – while cable compensates channels like Discovery, Food Network and the History Channel, they don't want to pony up when it comes to local TV, even though that is what most of us watch!

It's stunning really, that media giants who make billions in profits will risk viewers' access to critical news and information over the reasonable costs of doing business. But then again these are the same people that give you a six-hour window to come fix your TV and then sometimes don't even show up.

Listen up cable and satellite: I'd gladly give up the dozens of channels I never watch if it meant always having access to my local channels that I always watch.