

MTA Grassroots Alert Update

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Michigan House Adjourns; Cable Legislation Remains on House Floor

Congratulations to our township members that made phone calls and sent faxes and emails to House members in recent days regarding the HB 6456. The House was scheduled to act on the cable franchise legislation, but your efforts were a primary reason why they chose not to act. The Legislature adjourned just before 1:00 a.m. on September 21 and will not return to Lansing until November 9, following the general election.

MTA will continue to work to make improvements to HB 6456 during the legislative recess. It is likely there will be attempts to move this legislation during the short lame duck session. MTA continues to favor fair competition and choices in cable services for our businesses and residents. Choices should not be for just a select few in densely populated areas. MTA also believes it makes no sense (nor is it constitutional) to wipe out all existing cable franchise agreements when there is no competing provider in the community.

Thanks for all your efforts! Please watch for future MTA notices on this legislation.