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Via Facsimile

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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URGENT REQUEST

Re: December 31st Closure of Public Access Channels in Los Angeles

Dear Gerry,

As you know, I have dedicated a significant portion of my life as a free speech advocate who believes that government should be restricted from censorship as provided for in the First Amendment, intended to protect the rights of the people to freely express their concerns.

As much as I would like to be known as the person who will be remembered for having saved public access cable operations in the United States, I cannot do that, until I first save public access here in the State of California.

Gerry, I cannot save public access in California if it cannot be preserved in the City of Los Angeles, the heart of the media world. Time Warner Cable notified the City they will shut down the public access operations on December 31, 2008. This is being allowed to happen by default of the City of Los Angeles. The City has taken no steps to replace the studios and channels that will be lost for commercial use.

As Attorney General you could stop the closure of fourteen public cable access studios and channels by Time Warner. Please read the attached letter from the Los Angeles Public Access Coalition, (LAPAC) requesting your intervention under the Business and Professional Code 17200, Section 3. The letter explains the basis for seeking Injunctive Relief.

You will soon be contacted by grassroots community PEG (Public-Educational-Government) organizations from across the state, asking you to take action. I urge you to heed their plight. Cable operators pay franchise fees from revenue generated by cable subscribers who will be harmed when public channels are taken away. Cities are using cable franchise fees to fund their own government cable channels and productions and have an obligation to fund public access channels and studios. To deny the public's right to free speech and expression is contrary to the First Amendment.

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Please take immediate action to seek injunctive relief to preserve the public access cable channels in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley", is written over two horizontal lines. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Attachment