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Dear Joe,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the WAPC Board of Directors has chosen you to receive a 2009 WAPC Friend of Access Award in recognition for your continuing work in support of public, education, and government access television stations in Wisconsin.

Our members have always benefited from your expertise at our conferences and workshops from time to time, but last year, you generously provided WAPC with your services in a matter of great importance to PEG in Wisconsin. Your intervention persuaded Charter Communications to keep PEG stations on the basic analog tier. Without this success, PEG would have been moved exclusively to a digital tier where a large portion of cable subscribers would no longer have been able to see them. As you well know, the situation for PEG in Wisconsin is not ideal, but our position would have been more grave without your help. We appreciate your generosity and the generosity of Miller and Van Eaton generally in coming to our aid.

WAPC would like to present this award to you at the WAPC annual conference on Friday, May 1 during our opening luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. WAPC also invites you to speak at that time and include your thoughts about the Alliance for Community Media petition for a declaratory ruling now before the FCC that challenges AT&T's manner of carriage of PEG channels. WAPC would pick up your hotel and basic flight expenses.

Other 2009 recipients are Attorney Anita Gallucci and Dr. Barry Orton. This is the fourth year for the Friend of Access award. Previous recipients include Representative Tammy Baldwin, State Senators Judy Robson and Kathleen Vinehout, Wisconsin Representatives Louis Molepske and Gary Hebl, and the Friends of Oshkosh Community Access Television.

Thank you, Joe. Truly, you are a Friend of Access.

Sincerely,

Mary Cardona  
Executive Director

cc: WAPC Members