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LETTER FROM  
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NORMAN D.  
SHUMWAY RE S.66

City Clerk Reimche presented a letter from Congressman Shumway which had been received in response to the City communications regarding the Cable Telecommunication Act of 1983 (S.66)

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ALICE M. REIMCHE  
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Mrs. Alice Reimche  
City Clerk  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
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Dear Alice:

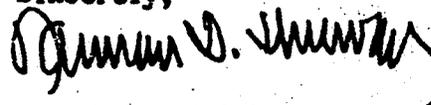
I appreciate learning of your interest in the Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983 (S. 66) which was passed by the Senate on June 14 by a vote of 87 to 9. Please excuse my delay in responding.

S. 66, which reflects a compromise reached in March between the National League of Cities and the National Cable Television Association, limits local and state regulatory authority of cable television by establishing a national policy concerning the cable industry. This legislation limits the local regulatory authority of rates cable operators can charge and limits the franchise fees that governments may charge cable operators to a maximum of five percent of the owner's annual gross receipts. Furthermore, cities would be required to renew cable franchises except under limited circumstances. S. 66 seeks to eliminate and prevent conflicting regulations which govern the cable industry and which, proponents contend, have hampered the development of cable television.

The Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983 has been referred to the House for consideration. While House action on the bill has not been scheduled, you may be interested to learn that the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications is holding hearings on the cable industry and is considering legislative options. Although I am not a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, you may be certain that I will monitor these hearings carefully.

Again, my thanks for writing.

Sincerely,



NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Member of Congress