

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Bruce:

1. I believe that this amendment captures your intent, namely to ensure that a municipal cable television system does not pass on its costs to nonsubscribers, without prohibiting municipalities from having recourse to municipal funds or bonds to construct and operate a municipal cable system, the concern expressed by Attorney Gallucci. I did not use the language that she proposed because it would not effect the change that you desire. More specifically, the bill already prohibits the subsidy of municipal cable television; the proposed amendment authorizes a municipality to do what it can already do, "provided that the costs of the municipal cable television system are paid by the subscribers of that system" (that is, provided that nonsubscribers do not "subsidize" the system).

2. If, in fact, Oconto Falls is the only municipal cable television system operating in the state, the initial applicability provision will have the effect of exempting Oconto Falls from the scope of the bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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