

# **Greater Waterbury Cable Council**

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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Subject: Endorsement for Alphonso Coles to Lead SKYE Cable XIII Operations

Dear Members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,

Following thoughtful deliberation on the future of community television in our region, the Greater Waterbury Cable Council wishes to convey its firm endorsement of Alphonso Coles for the stewardship of SKYE Cable XIII's Community Access facilities. This decision comes in light of the proposed dissolution of SKYE Cable and a thorough review of the possible candidates to carry on its legacy.

Al Coles is not only well-acquainted with the current operations at SKYE but also brings with him a network of quality professionals who have previously enriched SKYE with their administrative and instructional expertise. This familiarity and connection to a skilled workforce is vital for a seamless transition and the continued delivery of exceptional programming and education to our community.

The Council recognizes Al's longstanding commitment to community service, as evidenced by his successful tenure at SKYE, where he has been integral in transforming the studio into a modern, digital-first facility. His comprehensive understanding of broadcast operations, combined with a practical approach to education and community engagement, makes him an outstanding choice to helm these operations.

It is our belief that Al possesses the leadership qualities necessary to fully realize the studio's potential as a hub for community enrichment through education and hands-on learning. His vision for utilizing the studio's capabilities to their fullest extends beyond technical prowess, reflecting a deep commitment to the educational and civic wellbeing of our community.

Warm regards,

Natrajan Kuppuraj, President  
Kelly Zimmerman, Vice President  
Terrence McAuliffe, Treasurer  
Arthur Denze, Member  
Julio Alves, Member