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Dear Bunnie,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Wisconsin Community Media Board of Directors has chosen you to receive the 2014 WCM Friend of Access Award in recognition of your longtime leadership and unflagging commitment to community television. The Most Reverend John Charles Wester, Bishop of Salt Lake City and Chairman of the USCCB Communications Committee will also be receiving the honor this year.

The award reads, "In recognition of her work to preserve the true democratic voice of the community - Public, Education, and Government Access Television."

WCM particularly appreciates your leadership and commitment to the passage of the Community Access Preservation Act, a bill that recognizes the importance of reserving channels for local voices on video systems. Four years ago you founded American Community Television because you saw the need for the CAP Act and you knew community television needed a stronger voice in Washington. Since then, you have been the undisputed champion of the CAP Act on the Hill and have opened many doors for the rest of us. This award also honors your nearly seven years of service as the executive director of the Alliance for Community Media from 1998 through 2004.

Past recipients have included Representative Tammy Baldwin, Attorneys Anita Gallucci and Joe Van Eaton, Dr. Barry Orton, Sue Buske, and several state legislators.

We are thrilled to be able to present this award to you at our Best of the Midwest Video Fest Show being held during our annual Spring Conference on Friday, April 25 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. We invite you and a guest to the Exhibitor Reception beginning at 5:30 pm, the Banquet at 6:30 pm and, of course, the Show that follows.

Congratulations, Bunnie! Truly, we are very lucky to have you as our friend!

Sincerely,

Mary Cardona Executive Director

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