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Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce representing over 10,000 members and subscribers, are writing to the NY Public Service Commission to urge approval of Comcast's proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable systems throughout the state.

To remain a global business capital, New York must aggressively encourage public and private investment in a first class infrastructure that provides greater connectivity and accessibility. This merger will do just that.

Comcast's broadband networks are, simply put, faster and more robust than those currently available in the Empire State today. In other markets, Comcast provides speeds as high as 505 Mbps to homes and, more importantly, multi-Gigabit capacity for businesses that can be tailored based on need. Comcast has pledged to invest hundreds of millions of dollars annually to bring any system it acquires in this transaction up to these industry-leading standards. This means that in the near future our state will benefit from a full-scale communications infrastructure upgrade at no cost to taxpayers or utility rate payers. In our view, this is far too good an opportunity to pass up.

While the state has many important infrastructure needs, the continued development of robust and ubiquitous broadband and wireless connectivity is paramount for the growth-sector economy.

This merger is an exciting opportunity and will support efforts to maintain New York State as the center of innovation while permitting state and local governments to focus limited resources on improving other infrastructure priorities.

We again urge the Commission to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ploeger
President