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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:

On behalf of the Queens Chamber of Commerce and its more than 1,000 members and member organizations, I write to you today in support of the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. The Queens Chamber has been representing businesses in Queens and those doing business in Queens for more than one hundred years. Our mission is to promote economic growth and growth opportunities across the borough.

As technology continues to change the way we communicate and interact with one another, it is important that entrepreneurs in Queens and throughout the city are able to access the latest innovations to enhance their interactions with customers. We have every reason to believe that the proposed merger between Time Warner Cable and Comcast will help small businesses in Queens as they continue to play an important part of our economy.

We have been talking about the lack of access of broadband, particularly in boroughs other than Manhattan, since 2012, when the Center for an Urban Future came out with a report titled New Tech City. After speaking with many tech companies, they discovered that it was hard for them to find a place to work because in areas where the rent was less expensive, such as Queens, the buildings did not have adequate access to the internet.

While there is more broadband access now than there was in 2012, it still remains a problem for small businesses to receive acceptable service. In other cities, Comcast has not only brought internet access to places which previously had no broadband, but also improved it in areas that already did. In places where Comcast has brought internet access to homes and small businesses, these communities received up to 270 megabytes per second, up from 85 megabytes per second, helping to enhance what restaurants, barber shops, and doctors offices are able to accomplish.

It should also be added that if this merger is approved, Comcast will not be the only provider in the city. Millions of residents have cable and internet providers that are not Time Warner Cable,



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and Comcast will only be able to serve those residents if those residents decide to change their service.

We believe that the merger between Time Warner Cable and Comcast will enhance small businesses in Queens capabilities and help ensure a strong and growing economy. There is a digital divide in this City and it has been detrimental in attracting and retaining business. We truly believe this merger will help alleviate that problem.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack Friedman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jack Friedman
Executive Director