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TO: Federal Communications Commission

DATE: September 26, 2014

RE: **Comcast/ Time Warner Merger (Proceeding # 14-57)**

I write today as President of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council (MVEDC) to express my support for the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The MVEDC is a public-private partnership which includes business leaders and government officials in the 24 communities of the Merrimack Valley region of Massachusetts. Comcast has also shown itself to be a good corporate citizen, and it has made strong contributions to the Merrimack Valley area. Comcast has been a key supporter of the MVEDC's efforts for more than a decade. In addition to its active participation in our organization (a Comcast executive serves on our Executive Committee), the company donates its facilities and expertise each year by producing a video to promote the work of the MVEDC, focusing on individual communities in the region. Comcast also distributes the video on its Video on Demand system.

The MVEDC is also a business customer of Comcast Business at our office in North Andover. We have been very impressed with the high-quality business services Comcast provides – far superior to our previous service provider. Broadband services are a primary engine for economic growth, and growth is best achieved through robust competition among firms. I believe that the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger will make Comcast a stronger competitor in the business market, and that its service offerings can only be strengthened by the proposed merger. Beyond that, more robust competition will inure to the benefit not only of business customers, but to the overall economy. . I am sure that Comcast's demonstrated commitment to the communities it serves will carry through to the new areas into which the proposed merger would allow Comcast to expand.

For these reasons, I encourage the FCC to approve the Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Tibbetts".

David A. Tibbetts, President

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