



October 3, 2014

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As President and CEO of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to consider the benefits to business customers that will result from Comcast's proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable.

Having expanded to more than 1,325 members since our founding in 1968, the Loudoun County Chamber is among the largest Chambers of Commerce in the Washington, D.C. region. More importantly, Loudoun County is home to many data centers and Fortune 500 companies. In fact, up to 70 percent of all global Internet traffic passes through the 56 data centers in Loudoun County's Data Center Alley each day. Because Loudoun County is home to unique resources in a variety of technology fields, the Loudoun County Chamber is very cognizant of the ever-expanding role of technology as a critical enabler of economic development in Loudoun County, and northern Virginia.

Consequently, ensuring that Chamber members' communications and technological needs are met is a top priority. In fact, a Chamber committee called the Loudoun County Technology Coalition exists specifically to help strengthen the community of technology-focused companies in Loudoun County. And Comcast's top-notch business services are already proving to be a perfect complement to the region's technology and data-driven focus.

After it merges with Time Warner Cable, Comcast should be an even stronger company, better able to invest even more in its technology and infrastructure, which should expand the opportunities available to its business customers. The expanded footprint of the combined company also would allow those companies with multiple locations to enjoy a more seamless service from a single integrated provider. Allowing businesses to better meet their objectives, is good for the overall economy because when businesses prosper, so too does the economy.

I appreciate the opportunity to share these views, and am grateful for your consideration of them.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Howard
President & CEO