

October 15, 2015

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

Re: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

This letter serves as support for continuation of Time Warner Cable's "Connect a Million Minds" program. Corporate foundations, such as "Connect a Million Minds," are imperative to the success of our outreach programs at SUNY at Buffalo's NYS Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences (CBLS).

Our organization, CBLS, was established to be an economic driver in Western New York. Our mission includes increasing awareness of the variety of careers available in our region. Like Connect a Million Minds, the CBLS aims to inspire the next generation of problem solvers by connecting young people to hands-on learning opportunities. We rely on corporate partners to provide not only funding for these events, but also ambitious employees who are willing to take time and discuss their experiences and careers with the next generation.

We have partnered with a multitude of STEM corporations on past initiatives to drive workforce development and experiential learning opportunities. While we have not yet partnered with Connect a Million Minds on specific projects, we understand the value of corporate partnerships and look forward to working with this foundation on future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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