

July 21, 2005

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

**Re. MB Docket No. 05-192**

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein:

As the Federal Communications Commission considers the proposed Comcast-Adelphia merger, Americans for Prosperity urges the commission to approve the merger without government intervention.

Americans for Prosperity (AFP) is a nationwide organization of more than 300,000 citizen leaders committed to advancing economic freedom and opportunity. AFP believes reducing the size and scope of government is the best safeguard to ensuring individual productivity and prosperity for all Americans. AFP educates and engages citizens in support of restraining state and federal government growth, and returning government to its constitutional limits.

In a rapidly changing and dynamic marketplace, consumers actively set an industry's proper direction through exercising their choice in purchasing products and services. The proposed merger would enable an industry leader to offer better and more efficient services to an even greater number of consumers.

The transaction between Comcast, Time Warner, and Adelphia will create substantial public interest benefits realized through better service and lower prices for consumers. Specifically, Adelphia customers will immediately benefit from this transaction because Comcast and Time Warner will provide increased choices, more reliable service, and a more advanced network. Adelphia's outdated system forced customers to pay similar prices for less service. This transaction will now allow Adelphia customers to receive the same value and advanced services as Comcast and Time Warner customers have experienced.

Uncertainty in the telecommunications industry has led to speculation regarding investments. This transaction puts some of those fears to rest. The resulting geographic realization from this transaction will directly result in a more competitive environment for the telecommunications industry as a whole. Comcast and Time Warner will now be equipped to compete with the ILECs, which will directly benefit consumers. The resulting market efficiencies and an increasingly competitive cable market will also have the intangible effect of boosting confidence within the industry and thereby encouraging investments.

Americans for Prosperity urges the FCC to approve this acquisition: the federal government should allow the free market to work to the benefit of American consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Korsmo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Korsmo".

Michelle Korsmo  
Executive Vice President  
Americans for Prosperity