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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket Number 05-192

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to urge the Commission to support the acquisition of Adelphia cable systems by Comcast Corporation and Time Warner, Inc. The Alliance for Community Peace believes that such a marriage would only benefit the communities that we live in.

The Alliance for Community Peace (ACP) is an organization serving the Cabrini-Green area of Chicago. ACP was created in 1997 to address the violence that existed in this underprivileged community by creating intervention programs for youth that steered them away from continuing a perpetual cycle of violence in our neighborhoods. The ACP initiative seeks to improve academic performance and school attendance of students; to provide opportunities for building positive social skills, interactions and relationships through educational, recreational, cultural and other program activities; to promote the adoption of positive decision making skills that discourage negative behaviors; and to develop meaningful work experiences leading to career and vocational fulfillment for students, adults and families.

Comcast has been an asset in Chicago communities and we believe that this acquisition will only strengthen its involvement in improving the lives in underprivileged neighborhoods in the areas now served by Adelphia. For example, Comcast has participated in the Cable in the Classroom initiative, providing free cable TV and high speed Internet access to schools, libraries and community centers. This program has provided low income children with necessary access to both educational programming and computer content, which have enabled student's academic performance to increase in many low income communities.

Furthermore, in Chicago, Comcast has supported the Cable Access Network (CAN-TV), a channel that was created to provide non-profits and community organizations with a media avenue to discuss critical community issues. This channel has also allowed several Chicago area ministers to publicize their Sunday church services, which benefits people that do not have the physical ability to get to church or the financial means to obtain transportation. As a result, CAN-TV provides these individuals with the opportunity to still participate in faith based services.

Finally, Comcast has been a leader in providing and encouraging minority programming. Such programming has provided children in our communities with minority role models that highlight ambition and hard work instead of violence. These role models provide a “positive-influencing” alternative to the gang lords that our children have had to look up to in the past. Recent studies have shown that cable TV is the primary source of entertainment for low income individuals, as many cannot afford other forms of entertainment that more affluent individuals enjoy. By providing positive minority programming as part of its basic cable TV service, Comcast plays a vitally important role in shaping the views of many in the communities that ACP serves.

We see the strong, positive impact that Comcast is having in minority communities today throughout Chicago and we believe that Comcast will have the same impact in the minority communities that Comcast will now serve as part of this acquisition. There are also many other benefits to these communities, including the fact that many jobs now at risk because Adelphia is in bankruptcy will be protected and all consumers will benefit from the upgrades that Comcast intends to perform on Adelphia’s current network.

For all these reasons, I strongly encourage the FCC to approve this transaction in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Dr. Walter B. Johnson Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reverend Dr. Walter B. Johnson Jr.
Executive Director

ccs: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein