



April 15, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
SENT VIA FAX AND US MAIL

*Asian Americans Support Congressman Waters' Request
for Extension of Time in Comcast*

Dear Chairman Genakowski and Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell,

Mabuhay Alliance was the first organization from the minority community to file opposition to Comcast. We were also the first to request extensive public hearings before any FCC action is taken. Subsequently, we supported Media Access Project's extension of time for comments.

Our actions are consistent with our well-respected Congresswoman Maxine Waters' request to you to honor Media Access Projects' request for a 45-day extension. Since the purpose is to ensure widespread participation in the most important merger since Chairman Genakowski was appointed, we believe that the combination of an extension of time and very extensive public hearings in every significant area of America should be encouraged by the FCC.

It should be noted that this widespread support for an extension of time and/or public hearings is supported by four of the most active and well-respected consumer groups in America: Consumers Union, Consumer Federation of America, Media Access Project and Free Press.

Related to this, we will be exploring with Congresswoman Waters an amendment to her proposed bill requiring a 45-day extension and would like to secure the support from the FCC before proceeding with this broader amendment. The amendment would be to broaden the legislation to require that whenever there are major mergers with significant opposition, that the FCC be mandated to extend time for comments and mandated to hold extensive public hearings unless the FCC demonstrates good cause as to why there should not be public hearings.



We thank you for your efforts to democratize an FCC that has done very little in the decade preceding your new leadership. We believe that Congresswoman Waters' legislation is also consistent with this Commission's increasing emphasis on the public interests and on transparency.

Sincerely,

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Len Canty, Black Economic Council
Jorge Corralejo, Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles
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