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RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski & Commissioners:

The public library has long been a place where community groups have gathered to address important issues affecting the interests and well-being of the citizenry. As Executive Director of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, I am submitting comments regarding the prospective partnership between Comcast and NBC Universal.

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is a non-profit 501©3 corporation that functions as a facilitator and gateway to information. The library addresses community issues, and supports education for families and students of all ages. Comcast also serves as an information gateway, both locally and nationally. Comcast's video service brings us not only CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News, but also our local public access channels. Comcast's high-speed internet connects our community ([www.norristown.org](http://www.norristown.org)) to the world at large, while Comcast's 'phone service connects us to neighbors and friends wherever they live.

Comcast has a strong presence in our community beyond being simply a service provider, and we were delighted when the company decided to hold its "Comcast Cares Day" at the library in 2009. "Comcast Cares Day" is one of the single largest volunteer mobilization days in the United States. Last year, hundreds of volunteers helped to renew and reinvigorate our library. We are proud to have Comcast as a community partner, and hope to work with Comcast for many years to come.

Beyond their interest in promoting a community-focused volunteer culture in Norristown, Comcast has used its capacity as a technological innovator in the broadband space, to bridge the digital divide and encourage digital literacy. Initiatives like the "Comcast Digital Connectors Program" helps teens and young adults prepare for potential careers in digital media by training them to use

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broadband and digital tools. Once trained, these participants will apply their new skills to further enrich their communities.

Your consideration of these comments is greatly appreciated. I hope they are helpful in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Arnold-Yerger', written in a cursive style.

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