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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554



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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for allowing me to offer my views on the proposed joint venture of Comcast and NBC Universal. I have a very simple and straightforward view about Comcast given its amazing work in our community.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley (BGCTNV) is dedicated to promoting the educational, vocational, and character development of boys and girls in a safe and caring environment. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Since 1943, BGCTNV has provided opportunities to youth in Knoxville and in what has now grown into a five county service area in the Tennessee Valley. Today, 7,500 at-risk boys and girls who have a variety of unmet needs benefit from trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers who help young people take control of their lives, envision productive futures, and reach their goals.

For nearly a decade, Comcast has been an integral supporter of our work. At a time when the economic downturn led many companies to curtail their charitable works, Comcast stepped up to the plate and the chairman and CEO, Brian Roberts, took a personal interest in our work and visited our facility. We are grateful for this and for the work Comcast does in communities throughout the Tennessee Valley on behalf of young people, which includes wiring schools and libraries, offering young people training in how new technologies can help improve their educational and professional prospects, and providing tools that keep kids safe from online dangers.

There are many reasons why the Commission should approve the joint venture proposal, but I hope that this story of just one way in which Comcast provides a sterling example of corporate responsibility and community involvement will shed some light on the positive benefits the company offers. Thank you for allowing me this chance to offer our thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernie Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Ernie Brooks  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley

*The Positive Place For Kids*  
"Please Remember Us In Your Will"

