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June 2, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As you begin to review the Comcast-NBCU merger, I would like to share with you the important role Comcast has played as a community leader throughout Middlesex County and, specifically, with the Middlesex United Way.

For years, the United Way has been a national leader in community volunteer programs which focus on housing, education, health and income support. These programs would not be possible without the support of our corporate partners, like Comcast.

In particular Comcast has been a strong supporter of our "Born Learning" program. Born Learning promotes educational experiences for children from birth to grade school by providing parents guidance on proper nutrition, nurturing, and education. Comcast's support of this program reflects their commitment to the long term success of our community.

Comcast's commitment is also evidenced by the way in which they use their distribution platform to educate and inform. For example, Comcast supplies local programming such as coverage of local government and civic events and is a leader in promoting new technology. Not only does Comcast offer high-speed internet service in our area; the company seeks to ensure that students are taught responsible and safe online practices and that community institutions have the resources they need to serve clients.

I look forward to continued community leadership from Comcast in the future and feel confident that its partnership with NBC will be an asset to our region.

Sincerely,



Kevin Wilhelm  
Executive Director  
Middlesex United Way