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COUNCILMAN - 1ST DISTRICT

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

June 8, 2010

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a member of Philadelphia City Council's Committee for Public Property, which governs cable franchise activities in the city, I have worked closely with Comcast over the years. I have also witnessed the company's commitment to our city. I am very proud of the company's leading position as a corporate citizen and technology innovator, and I recommend that you approve Comcast's request to partner with NBC Universal.

As you know, Comcast is a cable and broadband innovator for homes and businesses – and beyond. I have worked diligently to provide wireless hubs in South Philadelphia's business district, and Comcast has been my partner in making this possible. The company was eager to work closely with me in building test hubs for this initiative and is now the provider for this service.

Comcast has also demonstrated its commitment as a corporate citizen by providing broadband service and electronic whiteboards or "smart boards" to two local schools in my district, Goretta and Neumann Catholic High Schools. In fact, Comcast provides courtesy broadband service to most of the elementary, middle and high schools in my district. Furthermore, Comcast has gone well beyond its obligations in its franchise agreement by providing free cable and Internet service to our municipal buildings. It also helped the City of Philadelphia establish channel 64, our government access station, allowing residents of Philadelphia to view council hearings and other key government events throughout the year.

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Comcast has been a significant presence benefitting the residents of Philadelphia, and I am confident that a Comcast-NBC Universal partnership will further improve the quality of life in our city and across the nation. I urge the FCC to approve this union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank DiCicco", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank DiCicco
1st District
Philadelphia City Council

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