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The mission of Literacy Advance of Houston is to transform lives and communities through the doorway of literacy.

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

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This letter is intended to share with you the wonderful experiences that my organization, Literacy Advance, has had with Comcast as you consider the proposed joining of Comcast and NBC Universal. We have worked closely with Comcast in Houston, Texas to address adult literacy issues and have a great deal of respect for the company.

Literacy Advance exists to solve the problem of low literacy – a goal which we believe is well within the realm of possibility. Our mission is to transform lives and communities through the doorway of literacy. Each year we directly serve approximately 3,500 people and impact over 6,500 individuals in the Houston area.

Like any non-profit organization we are in constant search of funding to support our mission and the natural growth of our organization’s operations. Comcast has been a constant and reliable source of support to us and is one of our largest annual contributors. Rick Seamon, Comcast’s Regional Vice President, is also an active and experienced member of our board of directors. We could not do what we do without his guidance and belief in our mission.

Furthermore, Comcast is helping to bridge the digital divide for many of Houston’s less fortunate through provision of free broadband to schools and community centers and digital literacy programs like Digital Connectors. This is a nice complement to the work that we do, and we in fact encourage our students to utilize the Internet and the tools Comcast is making available to our communities as often as possible.

In summary, Comcast is our partner in solving the problem of low-literacy and in helping the people of Houston become better prepared and positively contributing citizens. We hope you will keep its proven commitments in mind when reviewing the proposal before the FCC.

Thank you. We very much appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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