



# Prevent Child Abuse Vermont

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Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have read that you are now reviewing the proposed merger between Comcast and NBC Universal and are accepting written comments from the public. Although I don't have the background or expertise to comment on the more arcane topics of media mergers, I thought I would offer my own experience with Comcast through the Prevent Child Abuse Vermont organization, in the hopes that this story of philanthropy will help add a small detail to what I am certain is an exhaustive review of both companies.

For over 34 years, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV) has been working effectively to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support and public awareness. Our mission is to promote and support healthy relationships between children and the people who care for them in order to eliminate child abuse. We focus on ending the generational cycle of abuse, training all who interact with children on proven methods to prevent abuse and neglect, and empowering children to be heard.

In 2008, Comcast joined with the Vermont US Attorney's office, the Vermont Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and the United States Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice, Delinquency and Prevention organizations to establish a grant to fund Technicool, a technology safety program that encourages safe online behavior by addressing the risks inherent to powerful new technologies and providing participants with resources to protect themselves. Comcast alone provided a \$45,000 grant to PCAV to be paid over a period of three (3) years. Technicool was launched; helping educate Vermont youth and their caregivers about safety issues regarding cyber-bullying and online predators, social networking sites (MySpace and Facebook), email and instant messaging, blogging and chatting, cell phones and text messaging, photo and video sharing, and online gaming.

I hope this letter informs your review of the proposed Comcast/NBCU merger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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