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

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Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Maryland Humanities Council utilizes the humanities – books, art, poetry, philosophy and history – to engage adults and young people in literature and the arts. We have found Comcast shares some of our most important goals. Similar to the Council, the company supports the need for basic literacy and advanced reading skills.

The Maryland Humanities Council reaches nearly 1.5 million people annually. One of our most important programs is One Maryland One Book. Each year, we select a book that we encourage everyone across the state to read. This year Comcast provided a generous grant enabling us to expand our outreach. We are grateful to the company for this contribution and are now able to reach new and emerging readers by selecting companion titles for young readers (ages 9 to 13) which reflect the ideas and issues found in the 2010 One Maryland One Book selection.

Nonprofits have suffered significantly during the current recession as donations have fallen off. Comcast's continued support helps sustain our programs, as well as offer grants to other individuals and agencies that share a commitment to the humanities. Comcast understands the importance of literacy in our state's richly diverse communities. We are pleased to partner with the company and honored to acknowledge its support.

Sincerely,

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CC: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker