



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 21, 2010

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

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share the views of the District of Columbia Office of Cable Television (OCT) on the proposed joint venture of Comcast and NBC Universal.

As the lead regulator of cable television systems in Washington, D.C., I have always found Comcast to be a good corporate citizen. Comcast has consistently invested in our community and focused on delivering quality service to our residents. Specifically, Comcast has worked with DC government to offer additional educational and public safety services through its OnDemand service. We have also been appreciative of its efforts on diversity, both in terms of its hiring practices in Washington, DC, programming, and support of BET and TVOne.

My experience with Comcast gives me every reason to believe that the Comcast-NBC Universal joint venture will be in the interests of American consumers. Should this new arrangement proceed, I believe it will only help Comcast to deliver more diverse programming through a variety of distribution channels. I am also supportive of Comcast's commitment to expand the availability of local content should the partnership move forward.

Thank you again for your leadership at the Commission and for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,


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