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June 10, 2010

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

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a longtime member of Philadelphia City Council, Chairman of its Technology and Information Services Committee, Chairman of the Board of the Washington, DC - based non-profit Public Technology Institute and former President of both the National League of Cities and the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities; I strongly urge your approval of the Comcast-NBC Universal transaction. I believe that improving access to technology, increasing digital literacy and investing in innovative technology systems are keys to improving the economic, educational and overall viability of our cities.

Comcast has a long and proud history in Philadelphia. Those of us who serve in city government are keenly aware of the company's capacity to generate jobs and tax revenue. We also know its commitment to providing courtesy service to city facilities and philanthropic dollars to local non-profits. And we fully appreciate Comcast's assistance in making the city's local access channel operational.

Those of us in Philadelphia's government believe technology is imperative in strengthening Philadelphia in the 21st century. Additionally, Comcast's continued growth and expansion, with its headquarters in Philadelphia, will serve to support our efforts to transform the city from a former industrial hub to a center for innovative, technology-based industries.

We know Comcast's dedication to this city and its people. We understand its

commitment to business development and corporate citizenship. Based on that knowledge and my belief that technology is the key to our collective future, I look forward to your approval of this partnership and the possibilities it holds for us all.

Very truly yours,



BRIAN J. O'NEILL
Councilman 10th District

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