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May 24, 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:

As Governor of the State of Utah, I write in strong support of the proposed joint venture between Comcast and NBC Universal. I believe this venture has the potential to create jobs and support the technological advancement necessary to move us toward renewed economic competitiveness and productivity.

Utah has the best outlook for an economic rebound than any other state. Our current unemployment rate of 7.1 percent may be lower than other states; however, considering the increase from 2.5 percent we experienced just three years ago, we are committed to creating more jobs in Utah. With our population projected to more than double in the next 40 years, we must concentrate on wise resource management and economic development in order to thrive.

Comcast can and will be part of our economic future. I met with company leadership to discuss opportunities for investment and innovation. I believe an enhanced Comcast with expanded content, communication platforms and continued emphasis on high speed broadband technology has the potential to bring those opportunities to life in Utah.

Comcast is also a superlative corporate citizen. The company understands the need to keep children safe on the internet, particularly from online predators and cyber-bullies. Comcast reaches out to Utah families every day with important internet safety messages delivered both online and on cable television.

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I am proud to note the First Lady has appeared on Comcast Newsmakers and has made a number of public service announcements touting the partnership between Comcast and the iKeepSafe organization. Protecting and caring for children has always been a priority for Jeannette and me. We owned and operated a child care service for more than 20 years and have six children and ten wonderful grandchildren.

I am optimistic about the company's commitment to supporting economic development in our state and innovative technology for our country. And it matters to me that Comcast shares our concerns about the well-being of Utah's children. I respectfully request you give these issues the weight they rightfully deserve. The Comcast-NBC Universal transaction deserves prompt approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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