



Mayor Michael Copeland

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

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the City of Olathe, I am writing to let you know about the important role Comcast plays in our community and what they have made possible for our residents.

Provided on Comcast's network of cable stations, Olathe City Channel 7 is a tremendous resource for news and information, allowing us to broadcast community meetings and hearings, town halls, and important service announcements to our residents. In addition, our community partner, Olathe District Schools, broadcasts important and informative programming that is often produced by students learning about television production.

Besides helping our community stay informed, Comcast has also done a great deal in partnership with the public institutions in our city. Not only has Comcast supported the Kansas School for the Deaf, the Olathe Salvation Army, and Olathe's sesquicentennial celebration, they have been a significant contributor to OLATHE READS, a youth literacy partnership of the City, Olathe District Schools, and the Olathe Public Library.

The OLATHE READS support Comcast has provided has meant a great deal to me personally, as it has made the "I Read with Mayor Mike" program possible. This effort targets first-graders in Olathe's Title 1 elementary schools, where a significant impact can be made on children from lower-income families. I'm certain the positive difference this initiative has made is far greater than any of us can adequately assess, and we are grateful to Comcast for partnering with us to make it successful.

I understand you are reviewing Comcast's proposed venture with NBC Universal, and I feel it is important that you are aware of the valuable work Comcast is doing in our community. The City of Olathe certainly wishes continued success for Comcast, and we applaud their great community spirit and dedication to improving the lives of our residents and our youth.

Sincerely,

Michael Copeland
Mayor

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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker