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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Genachowski:

As the Senators from Florida and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, we are writing to urge the Commission to conduct an expeditious review of the Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company, and NBC Universal, Inc. (NBCU) application for approval to form a new joint venture. We do not urge the agency to reach a particular outcome in reviewing this application. Rather, we write to explain what is at stake for Florida. A prolonged regulatory review by the Commission will create uncertainty for employees, affected communities, and industries that could exacerbate the severe economic pressures Florida is already facing.

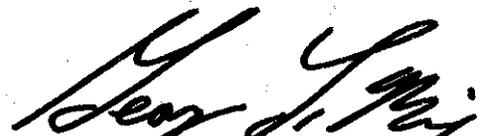
If approved, the combined company would be one of the largest employers and media companies in our state. Comcast is one of Florida's largest broadband providers to homes and small businesses, employing thousands of people throughout the state. NBCU likewise is a major employer, including its Universal theme parks and resort in Orlando and Universal Orlando Resorts, together employing roughly 13,000 people. And in South Florida, NBC's and Telemundo's owned-and-operated television broadcast stations provide critical information and entertainment to our state's diverse population.

The Commission has committed to conducting a "thorough, fair, and efficient" review of this transaction. It is using a 180-day "shot clock" for completing that review, and has added new staffing with rich experience in major corporate transactions. We trust these resources will translate into an appropriate review of the public interest benefits of this transaction.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Senator Bill Nelson


Senator George Lemieux



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OFFICE OF
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September 29, 2010

The Honorable George Lemieux
United States Senate
356 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lemieux:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's review of the proposed joint venture between Comcast Corporation and General Electric Company (GE), together with GE's subsidiary, NBC Universal, Inc. I appreciate your interest in this important transaction and value your views. We will make your correspondence part of the record in the proceeding.

I agree that the Commission's analysis of the proposed Comcast-GE transaction must be thorough, fair, and conducted in an expeditious manner. Staff studied carefully the Commission's past practices in reviewing proposed transactions in order to develop procedures that better achieve these objectives. As part of this effort, the Commission's *Public Notice* seeking comment on the applications required that all substantive issues be raised in the initial filings so that the parties would have the opportunity to address the issues as early as possible in the proceeding.

Please be assured that the issues discussed in your letter, including the potential benefits of a combined Comcast-NBC Universal to the American public, will be considered carefully as part of the Commission's independent review of the transaction. Our staff will continue to work diligently as it reviews the record compiled in the proceeding, including all petitions and comments received from the public. We also will continue to coordinate our efforts with those of the Department of Justice as we strive to have a comprehensive and timely review.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

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