

As mayor of Baldwin Borough, Pennsylvania, I write today to testify to the ability of Comcast to serve the communities in which it operates. More importantly, I write to urge your approval of the proposed Comcast - Time Warner Cable transaction.

I know that Comcast has deep and strong roots in Pennsylvania and here in Baldwin Borough. Baldwin is the lucky home of a Comcast tech operations office and customer services center that employ over 70 people.

The company and its employees also engage in community service programs that help all of our residents. Comcast's annual service event, Comcast Cares Day, was held in our Borough with nearly 100 Comcast volunteers and made needed repairs to one of our community parks. Our area's children will benefit for years due to the painting, landscaping, and repair work completed by Comcast employees.

Moreover, Comcast's Internet Essentials program is helping to build that productive future for our neediest citizens. The program connects low-income families to Internet service and computer hardware technology. Our Baldwin-Whitehall School District students have been some of the lucky first beneficiaries of the program. Already, 86 students' households have been connected to the promise of the Information Age via the program.

Your approval of this transaction makes services like Internet Essentials possible. These programs will be pivotal in closing the Digital Divide to get all American children, rich or poor, the tools they need to succeed. I urge your approval of this transaction so that New York State can partner with Comcast to make these opportunities possible.

Sincerely,
David Depretis