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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing you to share my thoughts on the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The National Congress of Black Women has long held that access to broadband technology brings opportunities for better education and both personal and economic growth. It places the tools for individual professional success in the hands of our young people and spurs innovation and entrepreneurship in our communities. We support this proposed transaction for what we believe it will do to increase broadband adoption and digital literacy as well as the increased investment in more robust Internet networks that will reach every home in the expanded Comcast footprint.

I know that the Commission is well acquainted with the persistent Digital Divide that continues to keep about one-third of the country – mostly are low-income families and people of color – off of broadband. As low-income families are struggling to provide the most basic necessities to sustain themselves in a recovering economy, it is vital that we seize any opportunity to expand programs like Comcast's Internet Essentials. NCBW is excited to see this program expand to cities like New York and Los Angeles, where thousands of school children and their families could be eligible.

The merger will also mean that the leadership Comcast has shown in its hiring practices will be replicated in more communities across the country. Since its transaction with NBCUniversal, female and minority hiring has skyrocketed to 45 percent and in 2013 Comcast won the Women in Cable Telecommunications' "Best Operators for Women" award. The company has promised to extend its best-in-class diversity program to Time Warner Cable, which is welcome news.

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I believe that in the long term this combination will lead to financial prosperity, growth and education opportunities for our communities. We support its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq." in a cursive style.

Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.
President/CEO