



Wednesday, August 20, 2014

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:

On behalf of Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) located in Denver, Colorado, I am writing in support of the Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction. PEBC is a nonprofit partnership of Colorado education and business leaders who are dedicated to developing the intellectual and scholarly practices of educators across the continuum of their professional lives so that our schools are worthy of our students. Without a doubt, Comcast has been a leader in demonstrating a strong commitment to Denver and Colorado families by investing in a wide variety of programs and organizations that benefit Colorado students and schools. I am proud of the excellent work we have achieved in partnership with Comcast.

At PEBC, we provide customized professional learning to cultivate highly effective K-12 educators to elevate student growth and achievement. Product and service offerings, including preparation, instructional coaching and leadership development, span a teacher's entire career. Training our teachers to prepare students for a future in high-tech careers is of the utmost importance. Comcast's commitment to this strategy goes far beyond our organization and reaches deep into the community with their Internet Essentials program, giving families broadband Internet access at an affordable price. This program has clear, positive impact on our community and assuredly has allowed countless individuals and families to pursue their interests and professional goals through access to the Internet.

Besides Internet Essentials, Comcast has helped us promote student scholarship programs, which recognize students who have excelled, thanks to a stronger teaching environment. Every year, Comcast sponsors our fundraising luncheon to recognize Leaders & Achievers scholarship winners. Students receiving this scholarship have shown a high level of achievement.

Our strong, successful, multi-year partnership with Comcast has been exceptionally fruitful. Comcast is one of PEBC's most dedicated corporate sponsors. In turn, PEBC has partnered with Comcast on many initiatives including the promotion of Internet Essentials, as our community and organization have seen first-hand the program's positive impact. It is a successful, respectful partnership, and we are grateful that Comcast has extended the Internet Essentials program indefinitely. I understand that Comcast also will offer Internet Essentials to low-income families in the areas it acquires in the transaction with Time Warner Cable. This will be a great benefit for those families and their communities.

I strongly urge you to accept the proposed transaction. My organization and our community in Colorado have benefited from Comcast's presence in our own homes and its involvement in local-impact programs. I have witnessed for many years Comcast's steadfast dedication to community building, and many others would benefit from Comcast's presence in their communities. With this in mind, I urge the FCC to support the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction.

Sincerely,

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President