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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I appreciate having the opportunity to declare my full support for the proposed Comcast and Time Warner transaction. I respectfully request that you approve this proposal.

Easter Seals has been a longtime community partner of Comcast and NBC Universal and we know first-hand the dedication these entities have to making the world a better, more accessible place for those living with a disability.

Each year, more than one million people nationwide are helped by Easter Seals. Our focus has grown from children, to all those with disabilities, whether they were born with a disabling condition or were disabled through injury or the aging process. Currently, some of our most robust programming is for children and adults with autism, and veterans and military families.

It is truly amazing how the world of technology is closing the communication gap for people living with disabilities. Comcast knows this better than most technology companies and is at the forefront of the industry in making entertainment and communications services and products usable by all.

Easter Seals knows this because Comcast engages our constituents as testing groups to help the company better understand how to best adapt services for those with special needs. Accessible TV navigation options like voice command, closed captioning across platforms, and adaptation of mobile and web applications are among some of the things Comcast is offering or piloting to enrich user experience for all. Through a union with Time Warner Cable, many Americans living with disabilities would have newly gained access to these game-changing technologies.

Easter Seals often gives assistance to those we serve in the form of devices that make day-to-day tasks and communication easier. In cities where Comcast cable services are offered, we partner with the Comcast Foundation to provide assistive technology devices like special computer software to schools and children that benefit from it in the classroom. Close to 25,000 students have been impacted.

We also directly connect our clients to Comcast's "Internet Essentials" program through a link on the Easter Seals web site. Internet Essentials offers qualified applicants very affordable service. The expansion of Comcast service through a partnership with Time Warner would bring grants and services such as Internet Essentials to more communities that need them, like our underserved and challenged disabled persons community.

The possibilities for more advances and access for the disabled through a Comcast Time Warner partnership are exciting to think about. We ask you to approve the transaction so that the lives of many more individuals with disabilities are enhanced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Williams, Jr.", written in dark ink.

James E. Williams, Jr.
President and CEO
Easter Seals, Inc.