



Urban League
of Portland

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Tom Wheeler :

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the President and CEO of the Urban League of Portland, I would like to encourage the Commission to support the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable so that more Americans can have access to Comcast's broadband adoption programs.

The Urban League of Portland, an affiliate of the National Urban League, is a non-profit organization that provides direct services to over 1,000 individuals and engages with over 8,000 individuals through our advocacy work. Our mission is to serve and empower African Americans and other Oregonians to create an equitable place to work and live.

We have a strong partnership with Comcast. We are currently running a Comcast Youth Summer Employment Program where young people are given access to the Internet in order to learn how to search for jobs, build resumes and find gainful employment. The access that Comcast has given to many individuals within our organization has enabled us to fulfill our mission by first ensuring that they have equal opportunities in both the classroom and the office and then empowering them to be productive, independent members of society.

We are proud of our partnership, but equally proud of Comcast's partnerships with diverse suppliers and employees across the country. Comcast/NBCUniversal has spent over \$3 billion on diverse contracts since 2011. African Americans and minority economic leaders help make this possible. Comcast has been consistently rated one of the best and most inclusive places to work for women and minorities. People of color continue to move into dynamic leadership roles on the cutting edge of the company's progress. The number of people of color in VP positions or higher up the ladder has increased by more than 32% since Comcast merged with NBCUniversal.

Comcast's deployment of the Internet Essentials program to over 350,000 families is helping to ensure that all our citizens, no matter their background, can one day achieve their educational, professional, and financial goals. The low-cost Internet access and computer hardware links our neediest families to a world of opportunity that is often invisible to those on the wrong side of the so-called "Digital Divide." We hope that many new neighborhoods learn about and are empowered by the program upon approval of this transaction.



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Our long history working with Comcast has allowed us to further elevate the standard of living in historically underserved neighborhoods in Portland. We are confident that Comcast will bring the same level of support to their new markets if the proposed transaction is successful. We appreciate your consideration of our views.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Alexander".

Michael Alexander

President and CEO

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