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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As a Fremont City Councilmember, I represent a growing community of over 220,000 Californians. I also serve as President of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials Constituency Group of the National League of Cities (NLC) and Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the League of California Cities.

I am writing to urge you to approve the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Comcast has been an ally for families in Fremont and around California, most specifically with the Internet Essentials program. The innovative effort to close the “digital divide” boosts online literacy among families who need it most – those with children eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Those families receive internet access for less than \$10 per month, a savings of hundreds over the course of a year. Over 12,000 of families across the San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont metropolitan area have already enrolled.

Many of my NLC colleagues who represent areas served by Comcast have similar experiences with Internet Essentials. The proposed transaction will allow the program to take root in even more cities and towns – particularly in southern California, where many households are served by Time Warner Cable.

I have also been impressed by Comcast’s commitment to diversity. The company is a national leader in engaging with the Asian/Pacific Islander community – not just through membership in organizations and chambers of commerce – but by hiring API employees and contracting with API vendors. Comcast truly works on diversity within the company; I understand that the number of people of color in VP positions or higher has grown by more than 30% since Comcast acquired NBCUniversal.

