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House of Representatives
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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

In my decades of experience in public service, beginning as a Ward Leader in my hometown of Philadelphia now serving as a Representative in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I have had the opportunity to partner with dozens of companies and organizations in efforts to improve my community. No partnership has been more fruitful than our connection with the people of Comcast. Based on my years of experience working with this faithful, generous company, I pledge my full support for the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction.

As a representative of Pennsylvania's 180th District, I serve a minority community with limited resources. As one of just two Hispanic legislators in the state, I feel it is my duty to promote the needs of our state's more than 780,000 Latinos. This has led me to become an active member of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL). The NHCSL provides technical assistance and resources that will help legislators propose legislation and administrative actions to achieve a better quality of life. Our efforts focus on advancements in education, healthcare, housing, economic development, criminal justice, and employment and job training for the Hispanic community. Since Comcast became Chair of our Business Board of Advisors, we have been able to bring a fresh approach to building public/private partnerships with business and labor.

Between cable, broadband and digital voice service, Comcast's capital investments in my state since 1996 total more than \$8 billion – \$2.4 billion of that came in 2013 alone. It provides jobs for almost 12,000 Pennsylvania residents. Comcast and NBCUniversal contributions also come in the form of considerable donations, volunteer work, scholarships, public service messages and programming for our students and other groups.

Comcast is also one of the preeminent companies to uniquely understand the value of my community and constituents, and to provide them critical opportunities. Through Comcast's Internet Essentials program, many of the most in-need students and their families can access essential computer and internet training. Free programming at community centers focused on digital literacy is also a benefit of Internet Essentials, which allows Spanish-speaking residents of our City to obtain the tools necessary to learn English, acquire job training skills, and help their children keep up with their studies. Without the support of Comcast's technicians and patient instructors, the youth and adults in my district would face a future of disadvantage.

Comcast is a company that understands the needs of its customers and constantly works to promote diversity in its corporate structure. I am proud to work with the group through NHCSL and on other legislative priorities that continue to have a major impact on the Hispanic community. Without Comcast, many of our neediest residents would continue to lack the basic resources to compete with their peers in the race towards a greater economic future. It is time to grant many more Americans the chance to access what this civic-minded company has to offer by approving the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angel Cruz".

Representative Angel Cruz
District 180 – Philadelphia County
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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