As the Mayor of Homestead Borough, PA, I feel it is my duty to reach out to you in support of the potential merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

I have lived here in Homestead my entire life. In 1980, I was elected to the Borough Council and have served as Mayor since 1990, so I have spent the past 34 years serving my hometown. I understand the struggles of Homestead. We were a steel town for a very long time, and I also worked as a steel mill employee. However, those steel mills have closed up, and our town has struggled since then. Although we are experiencing a period of rebirth in our local economy, the challenges are not yet behind us. As Mayor, I have been fighting to get our economy back up and running at full strength.

Comcast has been working with me to help improve our town and help return Homestead to her former glory. Comcast is a valued community member, giving their time and volunteering. The company has made available Comcast Newsmakers programming so that our local non-profits can let area resident know the important programs that are available. Over the last few years Comcast has held two Comcast Cares Day events in our area. One event at the Rainbow Kitchen with makes sure our residents that are experiencing financial struggles don't go hungry and the other at our local Carnegie Library where I helped to paint and landscape. Very few companies exhibit the kind of person-to-person connection with our town the way Comcast has.

There are many communities like mine throughout the United States that are struggling to get back on their feet. Comcast's dedication to community involvement, as well as its superior service quality geared toward businesses and consumers can make a tremendous difference. Accordingly, the Commission should quickly approve the proposed merger.

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