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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 Mayor of Carol Stream, a Village in DuPage County, Illinois, I write to you today to register my support of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction.

The proposal offers a unique chance to extend Comcast service into communities where a reliable broadband and video service provider is needed and desired.

It's exciting to contemplate the communications and media possibilities that would result from combining Comcast and Time Warner Cable. For communities like ours, the ability to interact with other municipalities and businesses through the same provider would be invaluable.

We have been the recipient of Comcast's ground-breaking services in Carol Stream, such as Internet speeds that continue to increase on a yearly basis and business services that continually evolve to meet the communication and data demands of our local firms. Comcast's forward-thinking use of technology has been a model for our Village, where we are continually seeking savings and service improvements through technology by, for instance, employing paperless technology programs.

Comcast has made a commitment to our Village and the wider Chicago region to bring digital media's benefits to economically-disadvantaged families. For example, its Internet Essentials program offers Internet service to qualified low-income families for a \$10 monthly rate. If a family has no computer, Comcast offers one at a low cost of \$150, along with free training. The Internet Essentials website is available in both English and Spanish, which is important in Carol Stream where more than a third of our residents speak Spanish.

A significant percentage of our nearly 40,000 residents are Asian-American and African-American. Comcast programming seems to expand each year to include minority-owned networks and channels with a multicultural perspective and shows that viewers with diverse backgrounds seek from their cable TV provider.

We have had many good experiences with Comcast, and I know that other towns would enjoy the same conveniences and benefits if Comcast enters their markets. Please give this transaction your approval.

Very truly yours,

Frank Saverino, Sr.
Mayor