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August 22, 2014

Mr. Tom Wheeler - Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Board of PBS Hawaii to express my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

As you know the connection between our cable franchisee and Hawaii's only public broadcasting station has been very strong for over two decades. Making sure that public television, and in particular PBS Hawaii, is available to everyone and that it remains a vital community resource is a mission which we work hard to preserve and promote.

I have met with the representatives of Comcast and came away with their strong assurance that they appreciate the role of public television; that they understand that while Hawaii would be a small part of their overall franchise, that it has unique qualities that will make it an especially important part of their franchise; and that they intend to make investments in the franchise to take services here to the next level. Their goal to provide best-in-class technology to improve the quality and capability of this critical communications path is laudable and very important to Hawaii, and needs our support. I was impressed that the representatives I spoke with had a real appreciation for Hawaii and the specialness of what we have to offer.

I was also specifically impressed with their focus on broadband capability and on features that make it easy for viewers to find the programming they want—including the quality non-commercial education, arts, and entertainment programming that PBS Hawaii delivers to the children and adults in our state.

As the cable industry continues to evolve, the future of television and its relationship with its customers is changing as well. Hawaii needs investments from a company like Comcast to change with it. And Hawaii needs a company that will make the commitment to the special parts of Hawaii that Comcast has made to us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbie Alm".

Robbie Alm
Board Chair
PBS Hawaii