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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am the president and CEO of the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council. We have considerable economic and social challenges in this Chicago neighborhood. We are a working class community with broad diversity in our residents, many who work in the city. I am also a member of the Cook County Latino Advisory Council, which was just formed in June by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I feel I am in a good position to write on behalf of our residents about the importance of Comcast in our community, and the value Comcast would bring to communities where its services would be extended through the transaction.

The Neighborhood Council is one of the nation's oldest nonprofits, founded in 1939. We work hard to make sure that the Latino community in Back of the Yards is represented in policy-making. We strive to bring our residents better access to health care and we do all we can to provide opportunities for our youth and cut down on the number who enter the criminal justice system. In these and all of our efforts, we seek to improve the lines of communications and that often requires making sure that our Spanish-speaking constituents have the interpretation and education services they need to be involved. Advancing educational opportunities has been a priority, as has providing services to our older residents including a free shuttle bus.

Comcast's corporate philosophy matches our Council priorities on many fronts: Comcast also emphasizes education, it has a multitude of Spanish-language cable shows and its broadband services are the essential tool which many rely on for every type of communication. Yet, Comcast does far more than just offer needed services.

Comcast sets examples for our community through concrete action. For instance, we teach the children we serve how important it is that they give back to their community. In Comcast, we have an example we can point to. We can point to the legion of Comcast employees who go out in the community and pick up paint brushes and mops and brooms when needed. In April, for

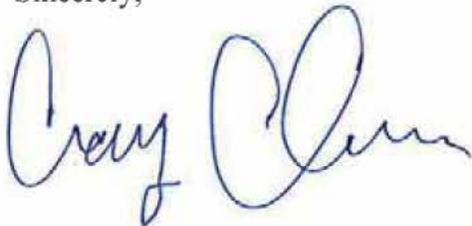
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example, Comcast sent about 7,000 employees to Chicago's communities for a day of volunteering. Many of them came to Back of the Yards and picked up litter, removed graffiti and painted walls, and filled planters with beautiful flowers.

Our Council offers people computer literacy training, but we know that they won't get to use new skills at home if they can't afford to buy a computer or pay for Internet. Thanks to Comcast's Internet Essentials program, they can get both at a very low cost. Also, we encourage our community's cultural dance talents with a dance program. Comcast has given us screen time and a real boost to dance participants by hosting Back of the Yards' "Ballet Folklorico" on its Comcast Newsmakers program.

In these and so many other ways, Comcast is a strong partner in a community which it could easily overlook if all it cared about were profits. I ask the Commission to approve the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction because I know this action will help bring Comcast to new communities that need its community caring, too.

Sincerely,



Craig Chico