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Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am in my ninth term as a Philadelphia City Councilman, home to telecommunications and broadband provider Comcast. I was in office when Comcast sought to acquire NBC Universal and it cited the numerous benefits consumers would enjoy as a result. I have seen Comcast adhere to the pledges it made, including an expanded broadband network, increased broadband adoption among low-income households, new independent cable channels, more children's programming, and an increase in its workforce diversity, among many other promises.

I'm writing to say that I believe Comcast has more to offer in terms of opportunity for growth and innovation through the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. I hope the Commission approves this transaction.

Comcast's role in driving the global economy through cutting edge technology and high speed connectivity on its preeminent fiber optic network cannot be overstated. Its annual investments throughout the country total in the billions of dollars. In Pennsylvania alone last year, Comcast reportedly spent more than \$2 billion on infrastructure, wages, taxes and charitable donations.

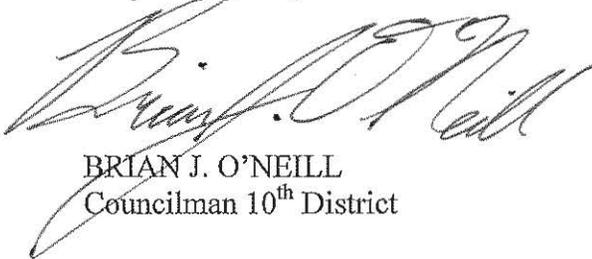
Philadelphia is proud of the company's efforts to enhance its broadband and video services and establish a workforce that best represents its customers. Comcast's investments in business and community here have established our city as a major participant in the digital technology industry. Also, in my role as chairman of the board of the Washington, D.C.-based Public Technology Institute, I understand the importance of recognizing and responding to emergent technologies in order to succeed in the marketplace. Comcast excels in this respect with its forward-looking business services, home management offerings, entertainment and film innovations and Internet speeds that have increased yearly.

And Comcast has made significant strides in closing the country's digital divide with its Internet Essentials program, which it launched in 2011 and recently indicated will continue indefinitely. This program is for families with at least one child eligible to receive free or reduced price school lunches. It allows them to pay under \$10 a month for an Internet connection. More than a million people in 350,000 households in the U.S. – and over 9,000 in Philadelphia - have connected to the Internet through this Comcast program. Interestingly, nearly all households said they took advantage of Internet Essentials because their children needed to get online to complete school work.

That investment will pay immeasurable dividends for the next generation of leaders and their constituents. As for City Council and our constituents, I know we are better off for the investments Comcast has made here in communications technology, in the nearly 12,000 workers it employs in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania, and in community services.

Any consumer would be fortunate to have a Comcast presence in his or her city. Thank for taking these points into consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

BRIAN J. O'NEILL
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