

# AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

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Tom Wheeler

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

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Washington, DC 20554

*RE: MB Docket No. 14-57*

## **COMMENTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL ("ALEC")<sup>1</sup>**

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We are aware that the FCC is currently reviewing a proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We write you today to urge an expeditious review of this transaction, with little to no regulatory conditions. It is necessary for the private industry to continue to innovate and invest, and we urge you not to use this proposed transaction as a mechanism to place additional or inflated regulatory burdens upon industry, like imposing severe Network Neutrality restrictions, which would disincentivize private industry from growing and investing in new business ventures.

Again, we urge you to provide an expeditious review of the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable with little to no regulatory conditions.

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<sup>1</sup> These comments express the views of Rep. Blair Thoreson of North Dakota, Bartlett Cleland of the Institute for Policy Innovation, and Michael Hough of ALEC. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect the view of the members of or others associated with ALEC, the State of North Dakota, or the Institute for Policy Innovation. ALEC works to advance the fundamental principles of free-market enterprise, limited government, and federalism at the state level through a nonpartisan public-private partnership of America's state legislators, members of the private sector and the general public.

For the foregoing reasons, ALEC believes the Commission should act in accordance with the views expressed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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