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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Illinois Science and Technology Coalition is proud to bring some of the industry's leaders in modernization to our state. As a member of the ISTC, Comcast has embraced and supported our mission to connect government, academia and businesses in Illinois to bring our citizens the best of today's technology. I have seen firsthand Comcast's investment in product ingenuity and its commitment to providing exemplary services for its customers. I am writing to express my support of the Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Cable transaction and to urge your approval.

As the CEO of an organization devoted to technology-based research and discovery, we hold in high regard companies that continue to reinvent their products and services. To compete with peer companies Comcast has increased its broadband speeds 13 times in the last 12 years. I understand that as a result, other providers responded to these improvements by announcing their own investments in broadband innovation research, resulting in an additional benefit to Illinois citizens. Comcast's dedication to providing high-quality services has also helped to drive other businesses to improve their products. Together with Time Warner Cable, we expect that the merged company will be able to combine their best technologies to create a new experience for customers and enhanced quality for all users. I am confident that Comcast's business investments are investments in our technological ecosystem.

Additionally, growth in the technology industry requires skilled workers. I believe that the Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger has the opportunity to improve economic opportunity in many states by increasing the demand for tech-based jobs.

I support this transaction because Comcast is the type of company we want to see succeed as a member of the ISTC. I believe in Comcast's efficiency and excellence and I urge you to help them deliver those benefits to many other communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Harris", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Harris
President & CEO