

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33458

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Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Florida, I am writing to urge the FCC to approve the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Our not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization is dedicated to creating a thriving economic environment in Palm Beach County. To achieve that goal, it is imperative that we support our current businesses and attract new business. All businesses today, large and small, require a reliable provider of broadband services. To that end, we are extremely satisfied with the outstanding service that Comcast provides and can use that as a selling point.

I understand that since 1996, Comcast has invested billions in technology and infrastructure in Florida. That means the services we receive are reliable and of the highest quality. In today's global economy, businesses cannot afford to have customers looking for web sites that are down because of unreliable providers.

Here at the Economic Council, we also value Comcast as an exemplary employer (and a Council member). The company employs almost 17,000 Florida residents, pays them a living wage and, from what I understand, offers one of the best benefit packages around, including healthcare and tuition reimbursement.

But Comcast is more than a business partner. The company has an unmatched record of social responsibility. The most visible example is Comcast Cares Day - which is the largest single-day volunteer effort launched by any company in the country. Last year, Comcast employees and their family members and friends completed the "Great American Cleanup" - picking up trash and landscaping the historic district surrounding the West Palm Beach Salvation Army. This was a massive community effort that serves as a model of volunteer spirit to our young people.

As both a businessman and a Palm Beach County resident, I am grateful to Comcast for everything that the company does to improve our quality of life. I believe that if Comcast extends into new areas, the quality of life will improve there as well.

Sincerely,



Daniel F. Martell
President,
Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.