



August 25, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

On behalf of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the state's unified voice of business, I am writing to voice my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. The South Carolina Chamber works to create prosperity for all citizens by advocating for a more productive and globally competitive economy. As President and CEO of the Chamber, I can personally speak to Comcast's status as a strong corporate citizen and partner in South Carolina. I believe that the proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable will increase both competition and productivity in the economy and significantly benefit the public interests of South Carolina businesses and consumers.

Comcast has shown itself to be a supporter of good jobs and employment opportunities in South Carolina. The company employs nearly 400 full-time workers in the state, with a payroll of over \$17 million each year. Comcast also invests in its employees; the \$17 million spent annually on payroll is part of \$24 million Comcast spent in 2013 on total employee investment, which included health benefits and tuition reimbursements, among other competitive incentives.

Further, Comcast owns and operates 24 properties within South Carolina, including a Call Center that provides many employment opportunities to local residents in the Charleston area. The company generates over \$20 million in annual state and local taxes and fees, which has positively benefited our economy. Considering the fact that South Carolina currently only has Comcast markets in Charleston, Aiken and part of Beaufort, with the rest of the state split between Time Warner Cable and Charter, I am optimistic that Comcast will be able to increase its investment when it serves a larger share of the market.

Beyond Comcast's commitment to support local economies, another reason I support the proposed transaction is that I believe it will increase competition and spur innovation within the telecommunications industry. By combining resources, Comcast and Time Warner Cable will be able to form a stronger and more cost-efficient competitor for the small, medium and large businesses in South Carolina. Comcast will be able to bring its cutting-edge technologies, infrastructure and products to supplement those of Time Warner Cable, and as a result, other competing broadband providers will likely invest more heavily in innovation and product development in order to remain competitive. The end result of this competition will be a larger variety of high-quality services and products from which our businesses and consumers can choose.

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The proposed transaction will allow for the most cutting-edge products and technologies for businesses to utilize, which will lead to improved efficiency, spur competition and have a largely positive net impact on the local economy. I hope that the FCC sees all of the potential that such a transaction represents, and I look forward to a future where Comcast can continue to provide solutions that attract businesses to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Otis Rawl". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Otis Rawl
President and Chief Executive Officer