

August 25th, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a professor in 4-H Extension Youth Development and Science and Technology Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I study informal learning and develop strategies to inspire youth to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in 4-H clubs, afterschool programs and at home. My particular area of study is instructional technology, which involves information technology in education. I understand the critically important roles that a home Internet connection and digital literacy can play in children's lives. I support the Comcast-Time Warner Cable transaction because I believe it will expand the opportunities for youth and families with the Internet Essentials and Digital Connectors programs - to Lincoln and other communities in Nebraska.

Internet Essentials could provide access to families in Lincoln with a child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program. Internet access in the home enables students to participate in on-line learning opportunities, and not just for certain periods at school. The Digital Connectors program, moreover, provides the types of opportunities for young adults to develop technological skills and apply those to community efforts.

I am also supportive because the program provides whole families access to quality Internet service. Before joining the University of Nebraska faculty, I produced interactive media at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications for nearly a decade. In that role, I developed First Connections, a multifaceted, comprehensive online program offering education about infants and toddlers to teachers and parents. Potentially Internet Essentials would enable even more individuals to pursue on-line learning opportunities such as First Connections benefiting both parents and children.



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I also understand that Comcast's goal is to bring its industry-leading speeds to Time Warner Cable's service areas. Greater speeds will aid all of Lincoln and other parts of Nebraska. I support the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger.

Sincerely,



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