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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:

I know what it takes to create lasting economic and social impacts and I understand the power of businesses that are dedicated to their communities. I serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Knoxville Area Urban League ("KAUL"), which promotes diversity and works to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights in the Knoxville area. Based on our organization's longstanding relationship with Comcast, I believe that Comcast also knows what it takes, and I am writing to encourage you to approve the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction for that reason.

KAUL has been a consistently respected partner of Comcast. In each of the last 5 years, Comcast has supported KAUL's chapter of the National Achievers Society, an honor society and leadership program that recognizes and motivates academically achieving high school juniors and seniors of color. In 2011, Comcast built KAUL's computer lab and donated computers, enabling us to provide effective after-school, adult-literacy, and workforce-development programs.

Comcast has twice partnered with KAUL for its annual Comcast Cares Day, providing volunteers to improve our facility through extensive cleaning, painting, and planting, thereby improving our ability to provide services to the community. And Urban League Young Professionals have worked side-by-side with Comcast employees for several years as volunteers at other Comcast Cares Day events throughout the Knoxville area. As an annual participant in KAUL's Shoes for School, an annual back-to-school event, Comcast has helped to provide the basic necessities of new shoes and school supplies to hundreds of children in our area. Comcast has generously run numerous public service announcements on its system to assist KAUL's outreach efforts in the community.

Comcast also has delivered on its belief in an inclusive and dynamic workforce by hiring minorities at all levels of its corporate structure, coupled with an emphasis on independent programming and multilingual resources. KAUL has been so impressed with Comcast's commitment that, in 2009, it awarded Comcast its Equal Opportunity - Corporate Leadership Award, given annually to a company demonstrating high levels of diversity in its organization and support of KAUL's mission.

It is my belief that the transaction with Time Warner Cable will only strengthen these policies and further economic opportunities for the citizens of Tennessee and throughout the country. I urge you to approve the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction, and allow Comcast's profound level of engagement to continue.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Nichols
President and Chief Executive Officer
Knoxville Area Urban League



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