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PRESIDENT

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

**RE: MB DOCKET NO. 14-157**

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and as Senate President of Puerto Rico, I write to you representing Hispanic legislators and leaders from all corners of the United States. We urge your approval of the proposed Comcast – Time Warner transaction to allow Comcast’s inclusion initiatives to expand and help empower all citizens, of Hispanic heritage.

Comcast’s sizable cable and broadband networks deliver services that improve diverse communities. Many of our community members are still gaining fluency with English, while they use the Spanish language in their everyday lives. It is my understanding that Comcast is our nation’s largest provider of Spanish language cable network packages, and offers over 60 such networks on its systems. This allows Hispanics to connect to their heritage wherever they may be. The company also promotes Hispanic leadership in the entertainment and broadcast industries. Following their transaction with NBCUniversal, Comcast has launched networks like BabyFirst Americas, and El Rey, networks designed and deployed by Latino leaders.

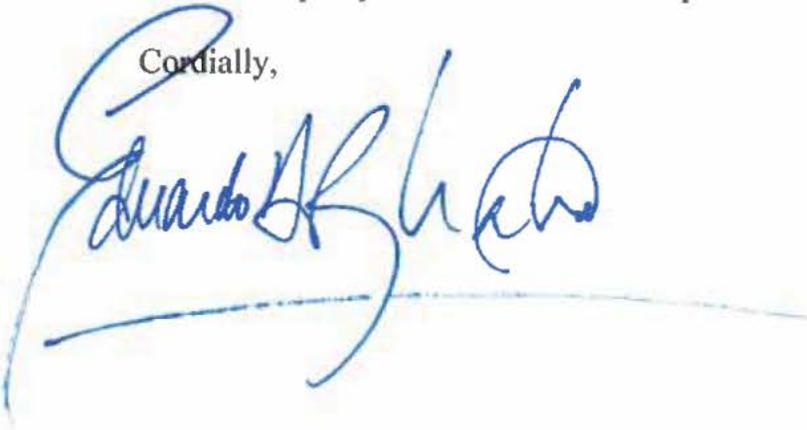
Comcast also has displayed an extraordinary commitment to Hispanic programming through its acquisition and investment in Telemundo. Since purchasing Telemundo, Comcast has supported the development of original Spanish programming such as La Patrona, El Señor de los Cielos, and the musical competition series La Voz Kids while also expanding Spanish language news at the Telemundo stations the company owns.

Comcast's internal practices support this external commitment to excellence through diversity. The company works with community groups like Congreso de Latinos Unidos and convenes leaders on Comcast's internal Joint Diversity Council to ensure the development of Latino business talent. The results are clearly visible: I have learned that nearly 1 in 10 Comcast management employees are Hispanic and the number of people of color in general at or above VP level has increased internally by over 30% over the past three years. Comcast also supports small and independent minority business owners, spending more than \$3 billion with diverse suppliers in the past 3 years alone.

Comcast's Internet Essentials program also provides civic leaders like NHCSL members a model for innovative public-private partnerships. The initiative offers eligible lower-income families a home internet connection for less than \$10/month along with affordable computer equipment. This service is a lifeline to underserved communities. With the Internet, families and children can access a worldwide network of educational and professional opportunities. For many needy families, such reliable access is often too costly for strapped budgets. According to statistics I have seen, Comcast has connected more than 1.4 million individuals nationwide with just 3 years of the service. Imagine the possibilities for empowerment if the program is extended to some of our largest Latino centers, like Los Angeles and New York City.

Please approve this transaction to help give leaders and citizens the tools they need to build more prosperous communities in partnership with innovative industry leaders.

Cordially,

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