



August 25, 2014

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

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As President and CEO of the DC Chamber of Commerce ("the Chamber"), I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission ("the Commission") to consider the manner in which approval of the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction ("the Transaction") will spur the development and deployment of broadband Internet technology that will benefit business large and small throughout the District of Columbia, many of whom are members of the Chamber.

I understand that approval of the Transaction will support expansion of Comcast's network to accommodate the data and video communications that are so important to growing our local technology economy. Since the bringing more jobs to the city is a priority for the Chamber, I am in favor of providing Comcast the flexibility it needs – consistent with the public interest – to adjust with changing circumstances by proceeding with the Transaction.

Comcast has been a longtime and supportive Chamber member, and Donna Rattley Washington, Comcast's Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs, is a member of our Board of Directors. Ms. Washington has supported the DC Chamber's workforce development and education goals, many of which complement Comcast's own initiatives.

The Chamber is concerned with issues that impact all of its members. Accordingly, I welcome the promise of an expanded commitment to net neutrality in new markets that will be served as a result of the proposed transaction. Also of interest is Comcast's potential to

further increase broadband speeds: It recently showed that it was capable of a 1 Terabit-per-second link (equivalent to more than 1,000 Gigabits) over more than 600 miles. The innovation that can be spurred by such enhanced Internet technology would benefit businesses across our city and the Nation.

Comcast products are in step with our members' needs. Next month the Chamber will host a workshop that makes the case for embracing mobile communication. At the same time, Comcast is rolling out new options for accessing its TV and video content on mobile devices.

Three fourths of the businesses in our city are small businesses, and their owners represent our diverse culture. Comcast's inclusive practices, when it comes to awarding supplier contracts to women and minority-owned businesses, is a model for other employers. As a military veteran, I encourage our members to tap the work ethic and wealth of experience that military veterans bring to private business. Comcast, too, has actively sought to add veterans to its workforce, and its efforts are bearing fruit. This year's G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse magazines named Comcast to their list of "100 Military Friendly Employees of 2014."

I should also point out that Comcast has invested heavily in the District to ensure our current infrastructure is ready for the future. I am told that the company has spent close to \$340 million here on capital expenditures, taxes and fees, and employee and community investment. These investments will help to create more jobs in the Nation's Capital.

The city as a whole benefits from Comcast's business practices and numerous philanthropic programs such as Comcast Cares Day, professional mentoring, and scholarship grants, to name just a few. As we anticipate further innovation in broadband and video services, Comcast's proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable promises to extend the company's corporate/community partnership to new markets. I hope the Commission will consider these supporting factors as it decides whether to approve the Transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Harry Wingo', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harry Wingo  
President & CEO

DC Chamber of Commerce