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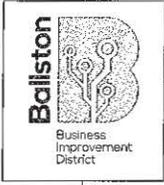
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August 25, 2014

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on a proposal before the Commission. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is focused on the shift underway across the country that is moving technology from the research stage to the worldwide marketplace. Our members are keenly interested in digital development and in incorporating digital innovations into their everyday businesses.

A major architect of digital technology, Comcast is a leader in the telecommunications industry with its multi-gigabit ethernet that allows our business, government and education members to move and manipulate information quickly and efficiently.

We offer our support of the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction because of its potential for extending this expertise into new communities. Currently, many of our members operate multiple offices, sometimes dealing with two or more telecommunications providers. Their efficiencies would increase with the ability to streamline communication and data storage through the same provider.

Notably, Comcast has exhibited a unique approach to combining business with community engagement. We believe that is the reason that so many school and nonprofit projects it is involved in produce results. For instance, the company's executives and other employees take part in many mentoring and leadership training initiatives for such business groups as Leadership Arlington and Women in Cable Television, among others.

In January, Comcast sponsored and delivered a leadership session during the 2014 National Mentoring Partnership's yearly summit in Arlington. The session addressed collaboration among and

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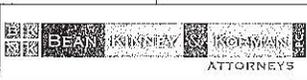
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between agencies that help youth, a topic with which Comcast is more than familiar. It has a rich history of partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters and other clubs for children, here and across the country.

Indeed, Comcast's advocacy for youth is evident in a program begun a few years ago for children from low-income families. Internet Essentials offers inexpensive Internet service for qualifying families so that children who previously had no broadband access now are able to log in to homework sites, research and apply for colleges, and take advantage of all the other information and dollar savings that the ability to be online affords. Dr. Patrick Murphy, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, recently discussed the impact of this specific program on the community.

Comcast is a significant contributor to Virginia's economy with more than 2,000 employees and 150 offices and facilities. I was able to ascertain that the company invested more than \$382 million in our state last year alone. Imagine the potential economic impact the proposed transaction could have in additional cities and states. Economic strength coupled with community investment would certainly be a benefit to any area.

Because of Comcast's record in supporting businesses and communities, I encourage you to approve the proposed transaction.

Regards,

Kate Roche  
President & CEO