



August 21, 2014

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

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We've chosen to work with Comcast in our locations throughout the Commonwealth on bridging the digital divide among families that are behind the curve financially. The digital divide is a problem throughout Massachusetts, impacting urban settings in the east as well as the more rural western towns. And though there is much more work to do together, we have made a significant dent in this challenge by working together to help more than 7,600 households get connecting in just three years. Comcast also reports signing up more homes every year of the program, showing that both the expanded eligibility and the ongoing efforts to improve awareness of the program and ease of enrollment are really making a difference.

The real-life impact of our work together on Internet Essentials is uplifting. Young people not only learn valuable skills like programming and how to conduct research for school assignments, but valuable lessons in online safety like identifying and reporting online bullying and being aware of privacy concerns on social media. And the best part is that the students then take these skills home and socialize them with family and friends, ensuring that the lessons reach a broader audience. Programs like this help to develop a well-educated online community, and I hope to see it impact even more families.

Our region is fortunate to have Comcast as a partner in promoting digital literacy as we work to give young people the tools necessary to excel at school and realize life-fulfilling opportunities. I believe that the addition of a corporate citizen of Comcast's caliber in new markets would give organizations, including other chapters of the Boys & Girls Clubs, access to more tools as they work to help children and teens.

Sincerely,

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Michael Goodwin
Executive Director

Great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs in Massachusetts!