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My name is Bill Allen, and I currently hold the position of President/CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce proudly serves as the voice of business in Southern New Mexico. As the only chamber in New Mexico accredited by the US Chamber of Commerce, we represent over 900 businesses and more than 25,000 employees in the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County area.

Today I write you, the Federal Communication Commission, to voice my support for the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable Company. Las Cruces, and most of New Mexico, has been a Comcast market, and thus has experienced the benefits that Comcast has provided in spurring the state's economy through employment opportunities, affordable services for small businesses and consumers, and commitment to education and community involvement.

In 2013, I understand that Comcast spent approximately \$100 million in New Mexico on capital expenditures, as well as taxes and fees, employee investment and community investment. Las Cruces has a slowly improving economy, and it is vital for future business that we continue to enjoy the positive impacts that companies like Comcast have brought to our region.

Further, Comcast has shown to be committed to the community here in New Mexico and to our future. Just recently, the Comcast Foundation awarded \$34,000 in scholarships to 25 students through its Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program, which rewards students that strive to reach their potential, serve as role models, and work as catalysts for positive change in their communities. The Scholarship program is only a part of Comcast's \$1.6 million dollar annual investment in New Mexico community programs. Comcast has shown it is a strong community partner, and if Time Warner and Comcast were to combine, these programs could expand to benefit Time Warner markets, such as nearby El Paso.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the voice of the business community of southern New Mexico, and myself as President / CEO of the organization, hope that the Federal Communications Commission approves the deal between Comcast and Time Warner.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my perspective.

Sincerely,

Bill Allen
President/CEO
Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce