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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I have served as President of the Illinois Business Roundtable (IBRT) for the past 16 years. The IBRT is a voluntary association of executive officers of Illinois' leading businesses, formed in 1989 to study, make recommendations, and take action on critical public policy issues facing Illinois. I write you now because Illinois faces critical public policy issues that may be better addressed through the proposed transaction between Time Warner Cable and Comcast. I want to make clear my support for the proposed transaction, and outline some of the transaction's potential benefits that I see for the businesses, consumers, and communities of Illinois.

Prior to serving as President of the Illinois Business Roundtable, I was Executive Vice President of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and I served five terms in the Illinois General Assembly. As a longtime resident, public servant, and businessman in Illinois, I can attest that the massive system investments that Comcast has made here has improved the quality of life of our citizens and helped our employers grow. Those investments span job creation, community involvement, and innovation advancement in our state. In my hometown of Quincy, their network upgrades after acquiring the system have brought higher quality services and faster data speeds to an area that was often overlooked by previous providers.

Comcast is a vital source of employment in Illinois. The company has thousands of full-time workers here, all of whom earn solid paychecks, enjoy full healthcare benefits, and receive on-the-job training. These employees are geographically dispersed throughout Illinois to Comcast's 170 or so properties in the state.

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As leader of an organization that advocates for more investment, innovation, and job growth in Illinois, it's important for me to highlight Comcast's delivery of services to small to mid-sized businesses in our state. To put it simply, what Comcast offers makes our business community more competitive. High speed broadband and flexible bandwidth are key to business growth, and Comcast is delivering on both fronts. I believe that following the Comcast merger with Time Warner Cable, businesses with regional presence will have more options available to increase their competitiveness and efficiency. In today's economy, more of this is definitely better.

In summary, Comcast is an essential job creator, solid corporate citizen, and community member in Illinois. Its successful business practices make our state a better place for Illinois-based businesses. If the proposed transaction is approved, Comcast would be able to expand its reach to existing Time Warner Cable markets, potentially spurring further job and investment growth.

I urge you to approve the transaction before you.

Sincerely,



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Illinois Business Roundtable

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