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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Here in Philadelphia, Comcast has long been recognized for its technological strength and innovation. I'm even more proud to advance the company's visionary public-private partnerships as City Council President.

Ten years ago, for example, a formerly non-descript street corner in North Philadelphia became a cutting-edge education destination. The Honickman Learning Center is a technology training lab outfitted with the most progressive hardware and software systems for education and learning available today. What makes this site so remarkable is that it was borne of a unique commitment from Comcast. It exists to serve newly realized leaders of our future, economically disadvantaged adults who have potential but need the right tools to help build job skills.

Comcast saw this potential and took steps to make this magnificent lab a reality. The lab is one of many examples across Philadelphia – and across Comcast's service areas generally – that Comcast recognizes, if the right tools are supplied, people can change their circumstances for the better. For that reason, I wish to express my support for approval of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction.

It only makes sense that other communities should gain the same benefits that we have seen here. The transaction would extend Comcast's quality broadband and video services

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to new cities. The speed and reliability of its network would improve the efficiency of business, government and educational operations.

Comcast programming is progressive and consistently evolves to meet the demands of local viewers. Video on demand has created fresh and convenient experiences for customers who can watch what, when, and where they want. There are now 50,000 or so program choices through Comcast and 300,000 streaming choices. That's flexibility that people anywhere want from their provider.

And Comcast's corporate/community partnerships are among the nation's best. Comcast collaborates with national, state and local groups and agencies. Comcast's expert contribution via digital access and education technology is often the centerpiece of these efforts, bringing unique benefits to local communities.

A prime example is Comcast's Internet Essentials program. This is a service offered to families whose children are recipients of the National School Lunch Program. Comcast lowers its monthly broadband access fee to \$9.95 and offers Internet ready computers for \$150 to these families. The program is a few years old now, but more than 9,000 Philadelphia families have already signed up. Comcast has indicated an indefinite commitment to the program.

Comcast's reputation for building strength in community extends beyond Philadelphia. Indeed, it can be seen across the company's service area. I hope you will approve the proposed transaction so those strong bonds can be more widely shared.

Sincerely,



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