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FCC Mail Room

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write today in support of approval by the Commission of the proposed Comcast-Time Warner Cable transaction.

Comcast began operating in Vermont in 2006 when it acquired the Adelphia Cable system. Vermont had experienced regulatory difficulties with Adelphia and the state was initially wary of the ambitious proposals made by Comcast as successor in interest to Adelphia. Accordingly, the state set high standards for Comcast and we held them to those standards. Among the conditions imposed Comcast was an obligation to expand broadband to some of our most rural areas. Eight years later, I am pleased to report that Comcast has delivered on the promise and has invested nearly \$128 million in our state. This money has extended high speed infrastructure from our region's population hub in Burlington, to Brattleboro in the south and to Newport in the north.

That sort of investment allows our residents a greater stake in the global economy. In the 21st century, the Internet connects Vermonters to jobs, healthcare information, and education they need to succeed within their communities and around the world. This infrastructure, combined with Comcast's low-income broadband adoption program, Internet Essentials, will help further close the Digital Divide.

I have treated broadband service with an all-of-the-above approach, working with many private carriers, including Comcast, to empower all of Vermont's residents to access opportunities and achieve, no matter if they are rich or poor, urban or rural. This is key to expanding economic growth for all Vermonters.

I look forward to Comcast's continued investment in my state and expect that your approval of this transaction would enhance Comcast's commitment to continue working to bring services to low-income and rural Americans.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to inform you of my support of approval by the Commission of the proposed Comcast-Time Warner Cable transaction. Please find enclosed my comments submitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission.

If I may provide you with additional information, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc.: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly