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

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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to voice the support of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Since 2006, I've worked as the President & CEO of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is the largest business association in Los Angeles County. We represent over 1,600 member companies and serve the common interest of over 235,000 businesses in the Los Angeles region. As you know, Los Angeles is currently a major Time Warner Cable market.

We are excited about the economic benefits that the Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction would bring to Los Angeles. The investments that Comcast has committed to make in upgrading the Time Warner Cable systems will drive other Internet providers in our area to invest in innovation in order to remain competitive. AT&T just recently announced the expansion of their broadband investment to do just that. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has always been committed to supporting free-market competition and promoting collaboration in order to allow its members to grow, and we firmly believe that Comcast's transaction with Time Warner Cable will benefit the economy of our region.

Comcast has proven itself to be a leader when it comes to investment in innovation and infrastructure development in the business world. Since hearing about the transaction, I've been researching the investments Comcast has made over the past several years. What we've learned has made me quite optimistic. Comcast has invested billions of dollars in network and next-generation technologies. The company has increased its broadband speeds 13 times in the last 12 years. Every 18 months, Comcast doubles the capacity of its network. Further, Comcast offers faster broadband speeds than Time Warner Cable does, with Comcast's most popular broadband tier offering 25 Mbps (compared with Time Warner Cable's 15 Mbps). If approved, Comcast has committed to upgrade the acquired systems, and this can only help Los Angeles businesses maximize efficiency, speed, and communication.

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Further, Comcast has proven that it will live up to and even exceed the promises it makes. This track record gives us confidence that the company will live up to expectations, if this transaction is approved. In 2010, in advance of its transaction with NBCUniversal, Comcast promised to expand its broadband network by at least 1,500 miles per year for three years. In that time, however, Comcast extended its network by over 6,000 miles, far exceeding the 4,500 miles promised.

We strongly urge you to approve the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. We are confident that the transaction will have a strong economic impact on business by stimulating growth and good employment opportunities for Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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