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Tom Wheeler
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Re: MD Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I represent communities in the heart of California's Central Valley – including all of Merced and part of Stanislaus County – in the California State Assembly. I am writing in support of the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, because, while my constituents appreciate Comcast as a service provider, we are even more grateful to them for their investments in our community.

Comcast has boosted our local schools at seemingly every opportunity. It partners with schools in our area to give thousands of free books to students each year on Dr. Seuss's birthday. It also sponsors a reading challenge for fifth graders that incentivizes teacher performance.

On its annual Comcast Cares Day, Comcast routinely chooses a local school as one of its project locations. The company recently chose our very own Glen Clark Preschool and Our Lady Mercy in Merced. Improvement projects include planting, installing benches, painting, landscaping, and cleaning up. Just last year, Comcast made a direct donation to the Merced Area School District. These programs are but a small part of statewide efforts that my colleagues in the Assembly can see in their districts far and near. Comcast's community investments build public-private partnerships for a stronger California.

And on a full-time basis, Comcast offers its Internet Essentials program so that families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches can have affordable internet

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access, a necessary tool for achieving one's educational potential. Through the Internet Essentials program, kids who all too often are left behind can gain access to world-class resources that would be unavailable to them without Web service. Comcast's program has made great strides around the country by signing up over 350,000 households. That includes over 35,000 newly empowered families right here in my state. Comcast will extend this program to communities now served by Time Warner Cable if the transaction is approved, and this would bring 21st century technology to many more deserving kids.

I also support this union because I have a few communities that currently do not have access to Comcast services including the City of Turlock. If the merger is approved Turlock consumers will enjoy all of the benefits listed above, broadband speeds of up to 505 Mbps and 10 Gbps for Businesses, as well as all of the video enhancements that Comcast offers including mobile apps to stream live television, increase in VOD options and technology advances through the X1 cloud DVR. Extending Comcast's Internet Essentials program to these communities will be a great benefit to the community as well.

For all these reasons, I hope you will approve the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Gray
Assemblymember, 21st District