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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

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Boys and Girls Clubs around America have been making children feel supported by providing safe spaces outside of school and home for over a hundred years. Here on Cape Cod, we've made it our mission to inspire and enable all young people in our communities to realize their potential as responsible and productive citizens through our various programs. As Chief Professional Officer for Boys and Girls Clubs of Cape Cod, I've had a hands-on role in helping the kids that come through our doors and am entirely dedicated to ensuring their success.

Over the past several years, we've been lucky enough to work with Comcast, which has helped us work towards our goals. While we cannot comment on the particulars of the Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger, we can talk enthusiastically about the support that Comcast has given the Boys and Girls Clubs, on both a local and national level.

Every year, tens of thousands of Comcast employees across the US donate their time to help organizations like ours in their annual "Comcast Cares Day." This past April, we had local volunteers come and help beautify and clean the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod. While it may not seem like a lot, these volunteer days have a huge impact by finishing projects we wouldn't get to complete otherwise due to time and financial restrictions. And it is truly not a single day effort. Planning of Cares Day takes months and hard work, and Comcast thinks of everything. We can't thank the company enough for providing us with the resources and manpower necessary to host this event this year.

In addition to investing in growing and improving communities, Comcast has shown that they are good corporate citizens through their broadband adoption program, Internet Essentials. This program facilitates greater broadband access in low-income communities by offering Internet services for less than ten dollars a month to families with at least one child who qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Initiatives like this recognize that the digital divide is a huge barrier facing low income families, and students who I interact with daily. Without computer access at home, it's nearly impossible for students to engage academically outside of the classroom. Even the college application process is now mainly online. We live in an increasingly digital world, and it's important to equip our kids with all the tools they need to succeed. With the approval of the proposed transaction, this program could be brought into the homes of many more families across the country.

While our branch may be small, the support and attention we receive from Comcast is big. There are over 800 local kids who benefit because of it.

We need more corporations like Comcast that step up to the plate, and use their resources to benefit those in need. Comcast has been a good corporate neighbor for us and our children.

Sincerely,

Ruth Provost
Executive Director

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