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The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: MB Docket No. 14-57*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

In an effort to supply adequate information for the Federal Communication Commission's review of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction, I share my experience with Comcast here in Pennsylvania, as well as my belief that the Commission should approve the proposal.

As governor of Pennsylvania, I am very familiar with its diverse broadband and video offerings, as well as its activities in communities across the Commonwealth. Last year, Comcast paid more than \$258 million in sales, business and property taxes, fuel taxes and other taxes and fees in its home state of Pennsylvania. Along with payroll, infrastructure and community contributions, the company made a \$2.4 billion investment in Pennsylvania in 2013.

I have worked to encourage business growth and job creation; and during my tenure, Pennsylvania has seen the unemployment rate drop from 8.2 percent to 5.7 percent. Comcast has been and is an important partner in keeping Pennsylvanians working, directly employing close to 12,000 of the state's residents and supporting thousands of indirect jobs through its supplier community.

An example of Comcast's importance in the world of technological innovation, as well as in our economy, is the Comcast Innovation and Technology Center, now under construction in Philadelphia. This new, \$1.2 billion tower is expected to boost the economy of the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond with thousands of new jobs and world-class technology that will create a setting that is on par with California's Silicon Valley. This is the largest private economic development project in the Commonwealth's history, and it strengthens Comcast's already strong presence in Philadelphia at the Comcast Center – the company's global headquarters building, which opened in 2007 and created tens of thousands of construction jobs and permanent jobs.

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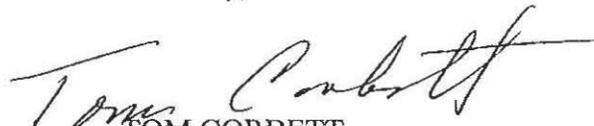
It is also important to reflect on Comcast's impact and footprint outside of Philadelphia. The company has a strong presence statewide, from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg to Scranton. With 1.9 million customers in the Commonwealth and more than 280 facilities, the company employs Pennsylvanians in every part of our great state.

The quality of life Pennsylvania residents enjoy is critically important to me as the state's governor, and educational opportunity ranks high in meeting that expectation. While state funding has increased for our schools over recent years, we have been delighted to share with Comcast the responsibility for seeing that children have access to new learning opportunities.

Along with supplying Pennsylvania students with career mentors, scholarships and a broad range of exposure to developing technologies, Comcast set for itself the ambitious task of getting more economically disadvantaged families digitally connected by reducing its Internet service fee for families whose children qualify for the National School Lunch Program. They can also purchase a computer through Comcast for about \$150. More than 14,000 households signed up for Internet Essentials in the first three years of the program, with the numbers rising year after year. Comcast has pledged to continue the program and, under the proposal, will expand it to homes now served by Time Warner Cable in communities across the United States.

Undoubtedly you are hearing from many parties offering their opinions about this transaction. I am sure public officials have had similar positive experiences working with Comcast. In Pennsylvania, Comcast is a tremendous corporate citizen, and I am confident this transaction will spur new economic growth and strengthen Comcast's commitment to our communities. For these reasons, I urge the Commission to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

  
TOM CORBETT  
Governor