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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Room TW-A325
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RE: Media Access Project Request for Extension of Time, in Re Applications of Comcast Corp., and NBC Universal, Inc., to Assign and Transfer Control of Licenses, MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), and the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance (RICA) submit this letter in support of Media Access Project's (MAP) request for a 45 day extension to file petitions to deny, oppositions, and comments in the above-captioned matter.¹ OPASTCO, NRTC, and RICA are working in concert through the Fair Access to Content and Telecommunications (FACT) Coalition to address the concerns of small rural broadband and video providers that may be exacerbated by the results of a potential NBC/Comcast merger.

The proposed transaction is highly complex, and raises critical issues related to the availability of programming in the context of both the traditional cable subscription model, as well as the availability of "over the top" video content via broadband Internet connections. Accordingly, OPASTCO, NRTC, and RICA encourage the Commission to grant the extension as requested by MAP.

¹ Media Access Project, *Motion for Extension of Time*, MB Docket No. 10-56, Mar. 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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