



**Tacoma  
Urban League**

*Empowering Communities.  
Changing Lives.*



The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

March 29, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The mission of the Tacoma Urban League is to assist African Americans and other disenfranchised groups in achieving social equality and economic independence. We seek to achieve this goal through a wide variety of programs and partnerships, and we have been extremely fortunate to have Comcast Corporation working alongside us, providing not only funding for our programs but also sharing our vision for acceptance of diversity and equality for all people.

As such, our organization is writing to express our enthusiasm for the Comcast and NBC Universal joint venture which we understand to be before your body for review.

Since it was founded over forty years ago, the Tacoma Urban League has sought to be not only a provider of services in the Tacoma area, but also a voice for those who need someone to speak up for them. We provide both of these services by running mentoring programs, community outreach, and advocacy clinics, and assist over 3,500 individuals and families every year.

We have also recently instituted the B.E.S.T. Program (Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tacoma), whose purpose is to raise awareness about the need for environmental consciousness. Tacoma is blessed with incredible natural resources, and it is up to all of us to preserve them. At the same time, many businesses are struggling to stay afloat, and cannot afford to invest in environmentally sustainable practices. The BEST program provides free counseling on ways that these businesses can cut costs, increase efficiency, and help the environment. Funding from the Comcast Foundation makes this innovative program possible.

In addition, Comcast sponsors the Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Program every year. This program recognizes outstanding students with a \$1000 scholarship. This gift not only allows these incredible young people to fund their higher education, but it also provides them with the deserved recognition they might not otherwise receive and that can mean so much in building their confidence and spirit.

Perhaps most exciting for us is our organization's selection as a Comcast Digital Connectors site! This program provides mentoring to students in one of the most important areas of today, digital literacy. In

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this program experienced technology professionals partner with our students to train them not only in the use of digital technology, but to assist them with life and employment skills. It is wonderful program that gives back on many, many levels. The Tacoma Urban League is thrilled to be a part of it.

The range of programs that Comcast supports shows not only its passion for bettering the lives of people in our community, but also its commitment to making a better future. By promoting diversity, encouraging environmental excellence, and teaching students the most valuable skills of tomorrow, Comcast is helping us all on the road to improvement.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Dorothy Anderson

President, Tacoma Urban League