



June 4, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Capps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Knoxville Area Urban League ("KAUL"), an affiliate of the National Urban League, strives to be the recognized leader in the greater Knoxville area in promoting diversity and economic and social equity for all citizens. In particular, our programs are designed to advance the aspirations of African Americans, other minority groups and the disadvantaged to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

Today I'm pleased to offer KAUL's endorsement of Comcast's proposed joint venture with NBC Universal. We're always on the lookout for companies that not only share our values but also take that all-important "next step" and put their words into action. That's exactly what we've seen Comcast and its employees do over our relationship of more than seven years.

Comcast has provided essential grant funding for local initiatives aimed at increasing literacy and developing the self-sufficiency skills that Knoxville's at-risk youth need in order to be successful in an increasingly competitive job market. Specifically, Comcast has worked with the "Read and Rise" program which helps teach adults (young and old) new skills for becoming literacy advocates in the community – as well as in their own homes. Comcast has also supported the "National Urban League Incentives to Excel & Succeed (NULITES)" program. NULITES brings youth together at a summit designed to teach self-reliance, professional competence and the importance of becoming more engaged members of their communities. NULITES accomplishes these goals by providing participants exposure to a diverse array of individual speakers as well as engaging activities, and we've been grateful for Comcast's commitment to making the effort a genuine success story.

KAUL has gotten to know Comcast at multiple levels: one of its local executives, Russell Byrd senior director of government and public affairs, sits on our board; we've worked closely with the company on community empowerment efforts; and we've seen the revolutionary impact its broadband Internet technology has had on how Knoxville residents live, learn and work. We're confident its planned expansion and partnership with NBC Universal will be a net-positive for our community, and we look forward to a long future working side-by-side with this dynamic company.

Warm regards,

Phyllis Y. Nichols
President and CEO