



Lane Metro Partnership

Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: WT Docket 12-4

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in support of the proposed Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) Agreement between Comcast and Verizon (along with Time Warner Cable, Bright House Networks and Cox, which do not operate in our area), as well as the related Agency Agreements and Innovation Technology Joint Venture, all of which I believe will expand local access to excellent on-line and wireless technology at a time when this is a critical part of our economic vitality and growth opportunities.

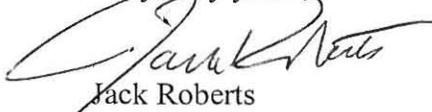
I am the executive director of the Lane Metro Partnership, an Oregon nonprofit economic development agency formed in 1985 by Lane County, the cities of Eugene and Springfield as well as the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce. Our job is to help recruit and retain jobs and businesses in the traded sector here in Lane County.

I am old enough to find myself regularly frustrated to discover that I no sooner have attained a bare level of competence in what I think is the latest technology than something new comes along that sends me back to the beginning of the learning curve. However, I am not so old that I don't understand that businesses and communities that do not keep pace with the changing technological demands of the modern economy are condemned to be left behind.

In our community, companies like Comcast, CenturyLink, AT&T and Verizon already provide a substantial share of our telecommunications needs. I believe that allowing them to collaborate in the provision of services offers the best opportunity for companies to increase competition and improve and expand their combined services while reducing costs to their customers through greater efficiency.

As a lawyer as well as a consumer, I also have a strong preference for these kinds of strategic partnerships rather than continued consolidation through buy-outs and takeovers. I believe that agreements such as this can actually expand competitive horizons and reduce costs by allowing bundled services to be marketed at a discount and by reducing duplicated costs through such mechanisms as integrated billing.

Very truly yours,



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