

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:

I write to you today to share the perspective of the New York chapter of the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) on the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The NBCC is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities by facilitating entrepreneurship and free enterprise activity within New York. Supporting organizations that share our commitment is fundamental to our mission, and Comcast has shown itself to be determined in their pursuit of greater cultural and creative diversity. Their determination is not just theoretical – it has consistently been put into practice.

Since 2011, women and minority hiring has risen to 40 percent of Comcast's total workforce, and Comcast has launched five new independent cable TV networks and established a diversity advisory council. The results of this speak for themselves: in 2013 its rating as a top place to work for both women and minorities won the company two awards. The idea that this transaction could mean that New Yorkers will benefit from these practices is exciting for us.

Comcast's reputation for working with minority-owned suppliers represents a tremendous opportunity for our members. Since 2011, Comcast's spending with minority-owned suppliers and vendors increased by 20%. Their commitment to promoting diversity through economic empowerment has, like their hiring practices, also been awarded; in 2013 DiversityBusiness.com rated Comcast among its Top 50 Organizations for Multicultural Business for the eighth consecutive year. We look forward to assisting Comcast in seeking local Black-owned suppliers.

In every respect Comcast has shown itself to be a champion of cultural diversity and has provided economic opportunity to individuals from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Their leadership in this area has been exemplary, and I encourage you to take this into consideration when reviewing the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

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