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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Dear Commissioner Burgess,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable (NYS Public Service Commission Case 14-M-0183). The combination of Comcast and Time Warner Cable will create a world-class communications, media and technology company to help meet the increasing consumer demand for advanced digital services on multiple devices in homes, workplaces and on-the-go.

Comcast has a proven record of investing in new technologies, facilities and customer support to provide the best in broadband Internet access, video and digital voice services. Similarly, Time Warner has made significant strides in offering a diverse array of video, broadband and voice services to its customers. Combining the two companies' complementary strengths will accelerate the deployment of next-generation broadband Internet, video and voice services across the new company's footprint. Residential customers will benefit from technological innovations including a superior video experience, higher broadband speeds and the fastest in-home Wi-Fi, while also generating significant cost savings and other efficiencies.

An example of a product offering that would be enhanced by this merger is Comcast's Internet Essentials program, the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband access initiative, which provides broadband Internet access to the homes of low-income families. In just two-and-a-half years, over 350,000 families, representing approximately 1.4 million low-income consumers, have been connected to the Internet thanks to this program. This proposed merger would extend this vital program to many more low-income households in New York by providing access to it in certain areas of the state currently only served by Time Warner.

Overall, I expect this merger to result in increased consumer benefits and continued focus on investment in broadband, particularly in Upstate New York. For these reasons, and many others, I respectfully request your support of this proposed transaction and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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