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July 25, 2014

Ms. Kealii Lopez, Director
Hawaii State Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Lopez,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Board of PBS Hawaii to express my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

As you know the connection between our cable franchisee and Hawaii's only public broadcasting station has been very strong for over two decades. Making sure that public television, and in particular PBS Hawaii, is available to everyone and that it remains a vital community resource is a mission which we work hard to preserve and promote.

I have met with the representatives of Comcast and came away with their strong assurance that they appreciate the role of public television; that they understand that while Hawaii would be a small part of their overall franchise, that it has unique qualities that will make it an especially important part of their franchise; and that they intend to make investments in the franchise to take services here to the next level. Their goal to provide best-in-class technology to improve the quality and capability of this critical communications path is laudable and very important to Hawaii, and needs our support. I was impressed that the representatives I spoke with had a real appreciation for Hawaii and the specialness of what we have to offer.

I was also specifically impressed with their focus on broadband capability and on features that make it easy for viewers to find the programming they want—including the quality non-commercial education, arts, and entertainment programming that PBS Hawaii delivers to the children and adults in our state.

As the cable industry continues to evolve, the future of television and its relationship with its customers is changing as well. Hawaii needs investments from a company like Comcast to change with it. And Hawaii needs a company that will make the commitment to the special parts of Hawaii that Comcast has made to us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbie Alm", with a long, sweeping underline.

Robbie Alm
Board Chair
PBS Hawaii



July 24, 2014

Keali'i S. Lopez
Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

RE: Comcast and Time Warner Cable Transaction

Dear Director Lopez:

The Hawaii Island United Way supports the merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The Hawaii Island United Way (HIUW) is a volunteer-driven organization that leads, supports and participates in collaborative community efforts to mobilize resources to improve lives and create positive, long-term social change. HIUW promotes philanthropy and volunteerism and is accountable to donors for how we use contributions and to the community for the results we achieve. We rely heavily on the support of local businesses.

We know that throughout the country, Comcast invests in the social well-being of the communities in which they do business. A good example is the Comcast Internet Essentials program that encourages internet use in communities that normally do not have broadband access. Through Internet Essentials, families have access to low-cost broadband service and the option to purchase low-cost internet-ready computers. Comcast also partners with organizations like the YMCA to provide digital literacy training for students and their families. This program helps children learn digital skills necessary to be successful in this world.

Comcast's commitment to community programs will be a valuable and much-needed asset. On behalf of our 40 non-profit Partner Agencies that provide 53 programs, islandwide, and on behalf of the individuals and families that represent 70% of our island's population who benefit directly or indirectly from these programs every year, we kindly ask for your consideration in granting the merger of TWC and Comcast.

Sincerely,

Warren Lee
Chair, Board of Directors
Hawai'i Island United Way

Jeanine Atebara
President & Chief Professional Officer
Hawai'i Island United Way



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To cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov,

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Subject | Oppose Cable TV Merger

I oppose the merger of Time Warner Cable and Comcast.

Vigorous competition between firms is the lifeblood of strong and effective markets. Competition helps consumers get a good deal. It encourages firms to innovate by reducing slack, putting downward pressure on costs and providing incentives for the efficient organisation of production. As such, competition is a central driver for productivity growth in the economy, and hence the United States' international competitiveness"

Competitive markets exist when there is genuine choice for consumers in terms of who supplies the goods and services they demand. Competitive markets are characterised by various forms of price and non-price competition between sellers who are bidding to increase or protect their market share.

The potential gains from increased market competition:

1. Lower prices for consumers
2. A greater discipline on producers/suppliers to keep their costs down
3. Improvements in technology - with positive effects on production methods and costs
4. A greater variety of products (giving more choice)
5. A faster pace of invention and innovation
6. Improvements to the quality of service for consumers
7. Better information for consumers allowing people to make more informed choices

The overall impact of increased competition should be an improvement in economic welfare.

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To <cabletv@dcca.hawaii.gov>,
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Subject Comcast purchase of Time Warner

To Whom it may concern,

As a condition of the sale, I would like to submit my testimony and request for:

1. More money and equipment for public access.
2. Cablecast Akaku channels with the same format and signal quality as local broadcast channels. Keep them easy to find and repeat them in HD.
3. Make Cable TV and high speed, affordable internet available to every resident of Maui Nui.
4. A three year rate freeze.
5. Free Wi-Fi in county parks, libraries and community centers.
6. Live TV studios for Molokai, Lanai, Westside and Hana.
7. No restrictions on cable funds.
8. Guarantee that Comcast matches the best public benefits it provides to any other location in the nation.
9. DCCA technical audit of cable system before sale.
10. Support net neutrality

I trust you will do the right and Pono thing for the public.

Thank you kindly,

Kecia Joy
Kihei, Maui resident