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Public Records Request "Comcast"

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Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 8:19 PM

To: "spencer.woodman@gmail.com" <spencer.woodman@gmail.com>

Mr. Woodman --

Sorry it has taken me so long to respond to your request. Your search terms initially turned up more than 130 documents, almost none of which were related to the proposed Comcast/Time Warner merger. A number of those documents involved privileged communications between our office and the Oregon Department of Justice on a matter wholly unrelated to the proposed merger and would have required significant review and redaction. Instead, I refined the search for any records related too the merger. I turned up:

-- An email from Doug Cooley from Comcast with the draft letter and instructions on filing it.

-- An email from Kate Brown forwarding the Cooley email to Deputy Secretary of State Robert Taylor seeking input.

-- The final letter submitted.

After reading the draft letter supplied by Mr. Cooley, Robert Taylor and Kate Brown met to discuss edits. Kate's personal assistant at the time, Brittany Kenison, incorporated the edits and submitted the letter.

Please let me know if this satisfies your request.

Tony Green
Communications Director

(copy of email from Brown to Taylor is copied below)

-----Original Message-----

From: BROWN Kate
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:07 AM
To: TAYLOR Robert
Cc: KENISON Brittany
Subject: FW: Comcast letter

Robert,
Please review. Would love to get your input. The due date is the 25th.
Call me with your suggestions.
Kate B

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooley, Douglas [mailto:Doug_Cooley@cable.comcast.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:08 AM
To: SOS Oregon; BROWN Kate
Subject: Comcast letter

Madam Secretary,
So sorry for the delay but I've drafted some ideas below from our conversation about a supportive letter to the FCC. I've also attached filing instructions in hopes of making the process a little easier. Of course, feel free to modify as you see fit and thanks again!

Doug Cooley
Comcast Government Affairs
503-584-5795 office
503-330-5826 cell

My name is Kate Brown. I have been a legislator in Oregon since 1991, and currently serve as Oregon's Secretary of State, a position I've held since 2008. It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is taking comments from the public on the proposed merger between Comcast, Time Warner and Charter Cable. I write this letter to voice my support for this transaction.

As Secretary of State here in Oregon, one of my goals is to identify and support companies that use business as a tool to promote positive social change. I can tell you from personal experience that Comcast is committed to such change. There are several projects Comcast and NBC Universal sponsor and support statewide - including Comcast Cares Day, Big Brothers Big Sisters Beyond School Walls Program, and Education Nation, to name a few.

Comcast is also on the front-lines of the battle to decrease the digital divide and provide access to broadband for low-income families that have disproportionate access. One of the most significant ways that Comcast is fulfilling its mission to increase America's digital literacy is through its Internet Essentials Program - a program that provides affordable access to qualifying families. In 2011, I attended and spoke at the program kick-off event, which Comcast held at Roosevelt High School in Portland, Oregon.

We are proud of Roosevelt High School, which leads the way in promoting digital literacy. Since 2012, every student has been assigned an iPad, and the school has been a trailblazer for instant online access to curriculums and educational tools. However, Roosevelt's success has yet to be fully matched as there are many families that fall under free lunch qualifications in other parts of the state. In the past three years, several thousand Oregon families have taken advantage of the Internet Essentials program for their broadband access. In my capacity as State Secretary, programs such as this give me hope. If the proposed merger is approved, Comcast can bring its community partnerships and digital literacy programs to Time Warner markets such as New York and Los Angeles but also to the Oregon communities currently served by Charter Cable.

I know that Comcast is committed to the future and I respectfully encourage your approval of the transaction.

Sincerely,

Kate Brown,
Secretary of State, Oregon

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Monday, August 25, 2014

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

My name is Kate Brown. I have been a legislator in Oregon since 1991, and currently serve as Oregon's Secretary of State, a position I've held since 2008. It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is taking comments from the public on the proposed merger between Comcast, Time Warner and Charter Cable. I write this letter to voice my support for Comcast's effort to promote positive social change, decrease the digital divide, and expand access to broadband for low income families.

As Secretary of State here in Oregon, one of my goals is to identify and support companies that use business as a tool to promote positive social change. I can tell you from personal experience that Comcast is committed to such change. There are several projects Comcast and NBC Universal sponsor and support statewide - including Comcast Cares Day, Big Brothers Big Sisters Beyond School Walls Program, and Education Nation, to name a few.

Comcast is also on the front-lines of the battle to decrease the digital divide and provide access to broadband for low-income families that have disproportionate access. One of the most significant ways that Comcast is fulfilling its mission to increase America's digital literacy is through its Internet Essentials Program - a program that provides affordable access to qualifying families. In 2011, I attended and spoke at the program kick-off event, which Comcast held at Roosevelt High School in Portland, Oregon.

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I know that Comcast is committed to promoting positive social change, decreasing the digital divide, and expanding access to broadband for low income families, therefore, I respectfully encourage your approval of the transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Brown,
Secretary of State, Oregon