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

Chairman Genachowski:

As the Senators from Florida and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, we are writing to urge the Commission to conduct an expeditious review of the Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company, and NBC Universal, Inc. (NBCU) application for approval to form a new joint venture. We do not urge the agency to reach a particular outcome in reviewing this application. Rather, we write to explain what is at stake for Florida. A prolonged regulatory review by the Commission will create uncertainty for employees, affected communities, and industries that could exacerbate the severe economic pressures Florida is already facing.

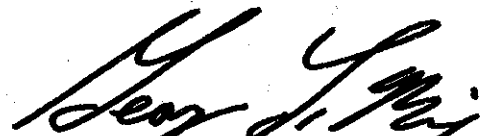
If approved, the combined company would be one of the largest employers and media companies in our state. Comcast is one of Florida's largest broadband providers to homes and small businesses, employing thousands of people throughout the state. NBCU likewise is a major employer, including its Universal theme parks and resort in Orlando and Universal Orlando Resorts, together employing roughly 13,000 people. And in South Florida, NBC's and Telemundo's owned-and-operated television broadcast stations provide critical information and entertainment to our state's diverse population.

The Commission has committed to conducting a "thorough, fair, and efficient" review of this transaction. It is using a 180-day "shot clock" for completing that review, and has added new staffing with rich experience in major corporate transactions. We trust these resources will translate into an appropriate review of the public interest benefits of this transaction.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Senator Bill Nelson


Senator George Lemieux