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**From:** Catherine.P.Awakuni@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 13, 2014 5:12 PM  
**To:** Oshiro, Blake K; Chapman, Kathleen L  
**Cc:** Lopez, Kealii S; Uchida, JoAnn M  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Comcast Proceeding (Confidential)  
**Attachments:** Memo to Gov re Comcast Transfer Proceeding.2014-09-13.pdf  
  
**Categories:** Red Category

Hi Blake and Kathleen,

Attached is a memorandum to Keali`i that can be shared with the Governor to prepare him for his meeting with the Comcast and Time Warner representatives. Apologies again for the delay in getting this to you. Should you need to reach me this weekend for any reason, please call me on my mobile line: 253-8998. Thank you!

Cat

Catherine P. Awakuni  
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Facsimile: 808-586-2625

-----"Oshiro, Blake K" <Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov> wrote: -----

To: "Lopez, Kealii S" <Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov>  
From: "Oshiro, Blake K" <Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov>  
Date: 09/12/2014 03:23PM  
Cc: "Awakuni, Catherine P" <catherine.p.awakuni@dcca.hawaii.gov>, "Uchida, JoAnn M" <JoAnn.M.Uchida@dcca.hawaii.gov>, "Chapman, Kathleen L" <Kathleen.Chapman@hawaii.gov>  
Subject: Re: Update on Comcast Proceeding (Confidential)

Thanks. Please also send memo to Kathleen so she can make sure Gov has copy in his folder. Thanks!

Blake Oshiro  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Governor Neil Abercrombie  
SENT FROM iPHONE

On Sep 12, 2014, at 10:55 AM, "Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov<mailto:Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov>" <Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov<mailto:Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov>> wrote:

Thank you. Cat is working on summary brief for the Governor that we hope to complete later this afternoon. We will get to you as soon as practicable.

Aloha,  
Keali'i

On Sep 12, 2014, at 10:51 AM, "Oshiro, Blake K" <Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov<  
<mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov>>> wrote:

Thanks for the heads up Keali`i. I think we can expect some outreach from Comcast soon, so I will let you know when I hear something.

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<mailto:Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 12:48 PM  
To: Oshiro, Blake K  
Cc: Awakuni, Catherine P; Uchida, JoAnn M  
Subject: Update on Comcast Proceeding (Confidential)

Aloha Blake,

I want to advise you that we sent a letter to Comcast's local counsel, Carlito Caliboso, advising them that we needed to extend our decision making from Sept. 19 to Sept. 30, 2014. Although we made them aware of the need for more time during our meetings with them last week, they made it clear they were very much against such a move on our part. The extension requires mutual agreement by all parties.

I'm letting you know about this because I presume Comcast may reach out to the Governor regarding their concerns. I am very concerned that based on our discussions with Comcast, that if pushed by them to issue an order by Sept. 19, the order we would be forced to issue would be a denial of the transfer. Not because we intend to deny it, but because we need the additional time to carefully craft the transfer order that will protect the State, the public and consumers in general.

Comcast is clear that we are trying to work with them to effectuate a transfer order that works for Hawaii and, where possible, does not impact their efforts for a national transfer merger.

Please do let us know if Comcast does reach out to the Governor or if you require additional information.

Mahalo,  
Keali'i

On Sep 8, 2014, at 10:42 AM, "Oshiro, Blake K" <Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov<

mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov>> wrote:  
Keali'i, JoAnn and Cat -

I hope all is well. Last week Comcast indicated that they were coming in to Hawaii next week and wanted to come see Gov to thank him for the letter that was submitted at the end of August. Can you let me know what is the status of the DCCA process/review for Comcast? I don't want any such meeting to, or be construed to, interfere with the discussions you folks are having with them. Sorry I am only asking now, this was sitting on my plate for several days as I was tied up with other things.

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**From:** Oshiro, Blake K  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 3:22 PM  
**To:** Chapman, Kathleen L; Borges, Vicki L  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comcast lunch Monday 9/15

For Monday.

Blake Oshiro  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Governor Neil Abercrombie  
SENT FROM iPHONE

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bob Toyofuku <[toyofuku@hiadvocates.com](mailto:toyofuku@hiadvocates.com)>  
**Date:** September 12, 2014, 3:19:35 PM HST  
**To:** "Oshiro, Blake K" <[Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov](mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Rabago, Reena P" <[Reena.Rabago@hawaii.gov](mailto:Reena.Rabago@hawaii.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Comcast lunch Monday 9/15

Blake we are waiting to see if we can get a private room at the plaza club; if not available they will set up a table by the bar area so we have some privacy. Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2014, at 2:56 PM, "Oshiro, Blake K" <[Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov](mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov)> wrote:

Bob -

Have you confirmed a place for lunch at 11:30 on Monday? We need to get the information to the security detail. Thanks.

Blake Oshiro  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Governor Neil Abercrombie  
SENT FROM iPHONE

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**From:** Kealii.S.Lopez@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2014 2:29 PM  
**To:** Oshiro, Blake K; Chapman, Kathleen L; Rabago, Reena P  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Letter to the FCC (Attached)  
**Attachments:** Letter for Gov in Suppor of Comcast.2014-08-22.docx; ATT00001.htm

Please review the attached draft letter. Attempted to water it down as well as make clear that we have our own franchise transfer process as it relates specific to Hawaii.

*(See attached file: Letter for Gov in Suppor of Comcast.2014-08-22.docx)*

Kealii S Lopez---08/22/2014 12:23:39 PM---Lisa, I need to attend a Board meeting. Please send me the text for the letter along and in this st

From: Kealii S Lopez/DCCA  
To: Ji Sook Kim/DCCA@DCCA,  
Cc: Esther Zukeran/DCCA@DCCA  
Date: 08/22/2014 12:23 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Draft Letter to the FCC

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Lisa,

I need to attend a Board meeting. Please send me the text for the letter along and in this string of emails.

Mahalo,  
KSL

Kealii S Lopez---08/22/2014 10:28:21 AM---Director asked me to forward this message to you. -  
---- Forwarded by Esther Zukeran/DCCA on 08/22/20

From: Kealii S Lopez/DCCA  
To: Ji Sook Kim/DCCA@DCCA  
Cc: Kealii Lopez  
Date: 08/22/2014 10:28 AM  
Subject: Fw: Draft Letter to the FCC  
Sent by: Esther Zukeran

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Director asked me to forward this message to you.

----- Forwarded by Esther Zukeran/DCCA on 08/22/2014 10:27 AM -----

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** Oshiro, Blake K  
**Cc:** Uchida, JoAnn M; Awakuni, Catherine P  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Letter to the FCC

Please hold off on any formal comments to the FCC regarding Comcast. The State, through the DCCA, is in the middle of our franchise transfer proceedings. The final decision regarding the transfer will occur prior to September 19th. A letter from the Governor to the FCC at this time, would potentially undermine our negotiations with Comcast.

We very much appreciate the Governor's support of the merger, and understand support his vision. We just ask that any FCC comments be coordinated to ensure the most effective approach for Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Keali'i

> On Jul 30, 2014, at 9:08 AM, "Oshiro, Blake K"  
> <[Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov](mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov)> wrote:  
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> Kealii, JoAnn and Cat -  
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> Please see email below from Comcast. During a discussion, Gov  
> indicated he would be willing to support, but I wanted to be sure you  
> reviewed this first to see what you thought and if any changes are  
> necessary. Thanks.  
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> Blake K. Oshiro  
> Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Neil Abercrombie  
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> Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
> (808)586-0034  
> [Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov](mailto:Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov)  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Orlando, Ron [[mailto:Ron\\_Orlando@comcast.com](mailto:Ron_Orlando@comcast.com)]  
> Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:49 AM  
> To: Oshiro, Blake K  
> Subject: Draft Letter to the FCC  
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> Blake,  
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> Per your request, here is a draft letter. The filing deadline August 24th.  
> Let me know your thoughts and I will provide you the electronic filing  
> instructions.  
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> Let me know if you have any questions.  
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> Regards, Ron  
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> Dear Chairman and Commissioners:  
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> I'm writing to urge you to support the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction, which I believe will improve Hawaii's economic competitiveness and community development opportunities.  
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> I'm proud to serve as Governor of Hawaii, which deserves its reputation as the premiere vacation destination in the world. But for our state to continue to grow, we must expand our information and research sectors as well as strengthen our tourism industry.  
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> The recent recession demonstrated how important it is to achieve a wide balance of economic development. A strong internet infrastructure is crucial to this goal and to our growth.  
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> Hawaii has a unique set of challenges for internet providers. I believe the transaction will put Comcast in a better position to make the capital investments necessary to keep Hawaii competitive through technological upgrades that will bring long- and short-term economic opportunities for Hawaiians.  
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> Internet investment will extend beyond improving bandwidth and include improvements to Hawaii's communities.  
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> According to recent Census figures, 28.5% of Hawaiians don't have internet access at home. While that figure is lower here than in many states, it remains too high – especially if we want our students to graduate with the skills they need in today's economy.  
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> I have been impressed with Comcast's work to bridge this digital divide and I am eager to welcome its efforts to Hawaii.  
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> Comcast's Internet Essentials program, which offers discount internet service to low income families, has helped bring low-cost internet access to more than 1.2 million people. That's more than the entire populations of Maui and O'ahu put together. Your approval should bring this needed service from the mainland to our shores.  
>  
> A combined Comcast-Time Warner will mean more growth and more investment for Hawaii. I hope the commission works quickly to approve this transaction so our state can benefit from the investment and innovation that Comcast has so well executed in other states.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> Sent from Ron's iPad

August 22, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable merger transaction, which I am confident, will improve Hawai'i's economic competitiveness and result in community development opportunities.

I am proud to serve as Governor of the State of Hawai'i ("State"), which deserves its reputation as the premiere vacation destination in the world. However, for our State to continue to grow, we must expand our information and research sectors as well as strengthen our tourism industry. The recent recession demonstrated how important it is to achieve a wide balance of economic development, and a strong Internet infrastructure is crucial to this goal and to our growth.

Hawai'i has a unique set of challenges for Internet providers. Comcast has assured me that it will be better positioned to make the capital investments necessary to keep Hawai'i competitive through technological upgrades that will bring long- and short-term economic opportunities for the State. According to recent Census figures, 28.5% of the State does not have Internet access at home. This figure is too high since we want all of our students to graduate with the skills they need in today's economy.

I have been impressed with Comcast and what it can offer the State, especially its Internet Essentials program, which offers discount Internet service to low income families and has helped to bring low-cost Internet access to more than 1.2 million people. The State could really benefit from having this important service available to the people of Hawai'i. Your approval of this transaction should bring this needed service from the mainland to our shores.

At this juncture, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"), the state agency in Hawai'i tasked with oversight over the proposed transaction, is currently



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**From:** Esther.Zukeran@dcca.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 11:00 AM  
**To:** Coppa, Bruce A; Oshiro, Blake K; Chapman, Kathleen L  
**Cc:** Luke, Amy M; Hirasa, Christine M; Oishi, Kendra T  
**Subject:** Weekly Report - August 1, 2014  
**Attachments:** DCCA Weekly Report 8-1-14 to GOV.docx

*(See attached file: DCCA Weekly Report 8-1-14 to GOV.docx)*



**MEMO**

**To:** Governor Neil Abercrombie

**Cc:** Bruce Coppa, Blake Oshiro, Kathleen Chapman, Amy Luke, Christine Hirasu, Kendra Oishi, Keali'i Lopez

**From:** Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi, Deputy Director (808) 227-1296

**Department:** Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Re:** DCCA Weekly Report

**Date:** 8/1/14

**HOT BUTTON / NOTEWORTHY ISSUES:**

**(Regulated Industries Complaints Office) – Dentist Lily Geyer and Order to Compel filed in court.** Star Advertiser ran a front page story yesterday about the dentist Lily Geyer matter and that DPS Narcotics Enforcement Division is investigating Geyer. The story also reported that RICO has filed a motion to compel the testimony of two former employees who may have information relevant to the investigation.

**(Cable Division) – Comcast/Time Warner Cable merger application.** Review of the Comcast/TWC merger application is ongoing. The next significant opportunity for public input will occur on Friday, August 8 at the meeting of the Cable Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will hear a presentation from representatives of Comcast and the committee will be briefed on the nature of public commentary at the various public hearings held in Honolulu and on the neighbor islands in July. A decision by DCCA on the application is scheduled for mid-September.

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS TO NOTE:**

Contractor online renewals go live on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 10 am. Web address is <https://pvl.ehawaii.gov/mypvl>. Renewal period ends 9/30/14.