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Transaction Team:

I write in regard to the AOL & Time Warner proposed merger.

Access to broadband cable is non-existent in many rural areas. I have requested such service from Time Warner but been turned down many times. The franchise agreement with the town of Dryden, NY specifies a minimum number of houses per mile before cable will be installed. Time Warner has never agreed to lower the minimum number (for a period of at least 10 years) and is the sole provider of cable access. As a result, there has been no extension of the cable service. This is particularly problematic for rural communities as governmental, social and commercial entities have moved on line.

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I request that as a condition for the merger of AOL and TimeWarner, extension of service to rural areas be guaranteed in some fashion.

Respectfully,

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