

April 10, 2012

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Melvin Watt
Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Watt:

We respectfully call upon *The House Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet* to promptly investigate NBC and its parent company Comcast for the intentional editing of the George Zimmerman audio clips. These doctored audio clips were broadcast multiple times and clearly has the potential of dangerously flaming fires of current racial violence and unrest in the wake of the Trayvon Martin shooting.

This deliberate editing, NBC and Comcast's lack of a genuine public apology, and their continued silence on how to prevent such malfeasance in the future constitutes a serious breach of public trust.

Comcast is in the midst of a business deal with Verizon requiring approval by the Federal Communications Commission and the United States Department of Justice. As you know, the public policy issues related to the approval of this deal are so critical that the *Senate Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee* held hearings on the matter.

In light of this most recent incident, we are calling on you to conduct hearings on this matter.

NBC is one of Comcast's premiere properties. It is among the top three broadcast news outlets in the country and a subsequent duty to convey news stories without fraud. Because NBC has clearly breached their public duty in this matter, we humbly suggest that their parent company, Comcast, has also breached a public trust. They have remained

silent on this issue and have not publicly revealed any concerns, disciplinary or preventative measures to ensure that NBC will not commit fraud in the future.

Comcast has failed as a custodian of the public trust. Therefore, its proposed business deal with Verizon should be further investigated.

Regrettably, Comcast and NBC have been uncooperative to date with repeated requests on our part and others to apologize publicly to their viewers, still kept in the dark about this deception. Because the business deal with Verizon will have significant impact on the public, its trust and wellbeing, we ask you to review the potential negative ramifications of such a deal and lend a critical eye towards entrusting them with more responsibility.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Founder and President