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**REVEREND AL SHARPTON SPEAKS OUT ON BEHALF OF THE WORD NETWORK  
AGAINST COMCAST**

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN - USA—** Rev. Al Sharpton speaks out against Comcast for their decision to decrease distribution of The Word Network, the largest African American religious network in the world reaching 3 billion people worldwide.

Comcast is following the form not the substance of the conditions of the merger deal with NBC Universal. The Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed by NAACP, National Urban League and the National Action Network, **provided for more African American programming, not less.** The Word Network has the support of the African American community and all the religious and civil rights leaders throughout the world.

The Word Network will also review all its legal options with the FCC including looking at their **28 full power TV stations**, reviewing their licenses for **lack of candor** and being socially responsible to the African American community. We will also have them review their egregious behavior of retransmission agreements to affiliates. We will reach out to the municipalities where they have a **charter** to disclose our findings of their treatment to the African American community and work with the local church groups in these communities to revoke their **charters** if necessary.

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