



**NIAGARA FALLS  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

July 20, 2020

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs was established in 1936 and our very first Club, located at 17th Street, is still standing. Over 80 years later it remains an anchor in the community while other youth serving agencies are closing their doors. Over the years we have expanded our reach from 1 to 9 locations throughout the City of Niagara Falls. Eight-five percent of our Clubs are located in the poorest communities in Niagara County and our members are among the most at risk for academic failure, alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse, premature sexual experimentation, violence, gang activity and juvenile delinquency.

Today we are working to build a focus on academic success, career development and leadership and building healthy youth and families, so the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs will truly be THE place where Great Futures Start. We have an annual membership of over 1,400 young people who range in age from 5 – 21. As CEO of the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs, I know that in order for us to deliver quality programs and services that will truly enhance the lives and shape the futures of young people in our community, we need the support of individuals and corporations.

Charter's investment in the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs comes at a critical juncture. From school closures and working from home to unemployment and tragically, illness, the impact of COVID-19 has been felt in our community. Charter's recent donation of \$5,000 to support our summer camp programming has helped us in our efforts to bring a semblance of normalcy to our young members. We are grateful.

Please consider this letter official support, on behalf of the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs, for Charter's petition to sunset merger conditions. Lifting these conditions will level the playing field for Charter while having zero impact on the online video marketplace.

Sincerely,

  
Rebecca Vincheski, CEO  
Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Clubs