

July 15, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to you today to show my support of Charter Communications' petition in belief that the FCC should suspend its restrictive merger conditions including usage-billing and interconnection fees.


The Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady works to provide students across the county with key after-school programs. We are the largest agency provider of youth services in Schenectady County and we serve over 3,300 members and have averaged reaching over 12,000 young people annually since 2013.

Charter Communications has been a strong partner of the Boys & Girls Club for years. They generously provided our organization with a \$75,000 grant through the Spectrum New York State Broadband Access and Learning Grant initiative. This grant has now been used to launch two new state-of-the-art Spectrum Learning Labs in a new Boys & Girls Club located in between the two most distressed neighborhoods in the City of Schenectady, NY- Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant. These labs are available for use by local, undeserved youth during afterschool hours, adults and seniors during the day. These facilities serve nearly 300 kids daily from several schools including:

- Mont Pleasant Middle School
- Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- Steinmetz Career & Leadership Academy
- Martin Luther King Elementary School
- Schenectady High School

As Charter continues to invest in our futures, we will continue to support them. That is why I urge the FCC to reconsider its requirements for Charter in terms of usage-billing and interconnection fees. I hope you will take Charter's impact and dedication into account when making this decision.

Sincerely,



Shane Bargo, Executive Director
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Operating Units:

Adeline Wright Graham Clubhouse
Mont Pleasant Clubhouse
Rotterdam Clubhouse
Steinmetz Homes Clubhouse
Yates Village Clubhouse

Boys & Girls Clubs Extensions:

Schenectady City Schools (9)

Specialized Programs:

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