

July 20, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Dortch,

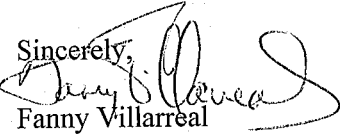
The YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County is a chapter of YWCA USA, an organization that serves over 2 million women and girls nationwide. Our mission is to eliminate racism, promote diversity, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen communities.

We are committed to creating an equitable neighborhood for women and children by partnering with many organizations throughout Syracuse and Onondaga County that support and empower our community. Every day we are mindful to do our part to strengthen our communities through youth education programs, supportive housing services, job training, and more.

With the support of Charter Communications Inc., we have been able to effectively enhance our digital literacy programs and help bridge the digital divide in our community. In 2018, we received a grant of \$20,000 through Charter's Spectrum NYS Broadband Access and Learning Grant Initiative to help with our computer lab and summer program. This program gave 45 disadvantaged girls in the Syracuse area the chance to learn valuable programming skills.

In 2020, Charter has continued to support us by providing resources for our women's residence. We provide support and services to over 55 women, 15 of whom have their own families, to change their lives. Their only commonality is that they were homeless at one point in their lives. Funds will be used to purchase computers so women residents can take advantage of virtual/online programming in lieu of COVID-19. With Syracuse being one of the poorest cities in the U.S., our goal is to help the women and children in our program overcome this statistic.

With Charter's support, we look forward to getting one step closer to our goal of creating an equitable community for all – this is why we support their request to the FCC to sunset their merger conditions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director/CEO
YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County