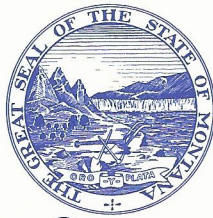


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**July 22, 2020**

**Chairman Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554**

**Dear Chairman Pai,**

**My constituents in Senate District 2 in northwestern Montana know I have consistently fought overreaching regulations which stifle growth in rural Montana. I am writing today to strongly urge the FCC to roll back two merger conditions placed on Charter Communications in 2016—that of prohibiting data caps/usage-based pricing and requiring settlement-free interconnection. In today’s marketplace I feel there is sufficient competition so these are no longer necessary for the company.**

**The FCC originally intended these conditions to end if the marketplace demonstrated notable strides in growth and competition. Data now clearly shows a major upward trend in growth for other streaming video services who are continuing to progress at a rapid pace—Netflix, Hulu and many others coming to market.**

**Not only does the data reflect the very positive outcomes in the market, I believe public policy should strive to support good corporate citizens like Charter who offer valuable community programs to assist small businesses, families and educational institutions. As a retired teacher, I appreciate Charter’s goal to expand educational opportunities to those it serves through programs like the Spectrum Digital Education Grants, as well as being a positive force in bridging the gap in digital literacy.**

**On behalf of the Montanans I represent, I urge the FCC to end the two burdensome merger restrictions on Charter that the FCC originally outlined four years ago.**

**Thanks for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dee Brown".