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Tom Wheeler
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership is the region's private sector economic development organization and regional chamber of commerce. On behalf of our members and their quarter-of-a-million employees in the Buffalo Niagara region, I am writing to urge approval of the proposed merger between Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications and Advance/Newhouse Partnership. If approved, these companies will join together as New Charter — an advanced, growth oriented broadband cable company that will combine the best of the three companies for the benefit of New York consumers.

To remain a global business capital, New York must aggressively encourage private and public sector investment in a first class infrastructure that provides greater connectivity and accessibility. This merger will do just that.

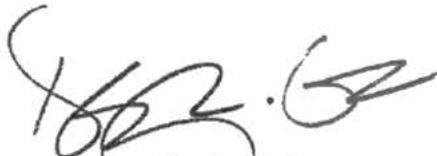
New Charter has promised to bring a better experience and cost-effective service to 17 million customers around the country, including more than 3.2 million customers in New York. Under the merger, New Charter will provide consumers with the latest cloud based technology and faster download speeds, while committing to lower prices, including no modem and early termination fees, no extra charges for heavy Internet usage, and a policy of not passing Universal Service Fund (USF) fees onto customers.

New Charter has pledged to return call center jobs to the United States and will hire and train thousands of new employees for its customer service centers and field technician operations, including in New York. In the near future, our state will benefit from a \$2.5 billion expansion in the build-out of networks into commercial sectors. This will create additional and much needed competition in the commercial sector, hopefully lowering business costs in New York.

This merger is an exciting opportunity that will support efforts to maintain New York as the center of innovation. While the state has many important infrastructure needs, the continued development of robust and abundant broadband and wireless connectivity is paramount for the growth-sector economy.

We again urge the Commission to approve this merger.

Sincerely,



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