



RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

July 24, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Long Beach (RTLB), I believe every person deserves a safe home. Too often our neighbors are stuck in houses in need of critical repair that for whatever reason the resident is unable to fix. In times like these it is important that our communities band together to help. I understand that often the most effective partnerships are with outside organizations that are willing to donate time and money to the cause. When these groups join our ranks their impact is profound.

One company I have worked closely with has recently been in many headlines. RTLB's partner Charter Communications, Inc. has requested to merge with Time Warner Cable Inc. (Time Warner) and Bright House Networks LLC (BHN). The new company, New Charter, would serve approximately 23.9 million Americans, including about 3.4 million Californians. Having worked with Charter in our community, I am confident New Charter would practice great corporate citizenship.

My understanding is that New Charter would be committed to several community-focused initiatives, among those being Charter Our Community. I have personally worked with this program and can attest to the fantastic work it has done. In April of this year, RTLB partnered with Charter Our Community to help rebuild low-income homes. Charter provided funding and volunteers, and their effort was a big boost to our program. Charter Our Community is a national program, with the goal of rehabilitating and rebuilding 25,000 unhealthy and unsafe homes by 2020. New Charter would embrace this program and expand it across its new footprint.

I also understand that New Charter plans to incorporate community initiatives already in place at Time Warner and BHN. Time Warner's award-winning diversity initiatives would encourage inclusion in the workplace and throughout the cable broadband supply chain. BHN's low-income program would afford customers a discounted rate for high-quality broadband. In addition, New Charter would invest in community development by committing to building out one million residential line extensions and investing \$2.5 billion in building out commercial networks.

It is important that we encourage large corporations to give back to the communities where they operate. Working with Charter Our Community was a very positive experience, and I am excited

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about the potential growth of the company and the positive impacts it will have in our community. I believe New Charter would set a great example for its industry, and I hope you lend your support to the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daryl James", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Daryl James  
Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Long Beach