



August 17, 2015

Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between Charter Communication, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter.

The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) was established in 1963 to serve disadvantaged individuals and families in the Los Angeles Area. As the largest Latino-oriented family services organization in the country, we know the importance of providing high quality social services and programs to communities who need them the most. That's why we appreciate the initiatives of New Charter, who has pledged to bring better, more affordable high speed internet and cable broadband to our community.

Charter already serves over 700,000 customers across the state, and has invested over \$486.8 million in California to upgrade customers to a 100 percent digital network. That's allowed the company to double its basic broadband speed to 60 Mbps. New Charter will offer 60 Mbps speeds in its lowest base package, which is cheaper than other cable companies' comparable offerings. They have committed to broaden access to broadband for low-income individuals, ensuring that cost isn't a barrier to access or opportunity in the communities that need it most. In some of the more vulnerable communities in Los Angeles especially, affordable internet provides opportunities for lower-income individuals to climb the ladder out of poverty, allowing them to more easily continue their education online or apply for jobs.

At MAOF, we strive to provide socio-economic betterment for the greater Latino community, while at the same time preserving the pride, values and heritage of the Mexican American culture. That's why we were pleased to see that New Charter is committed to diversity and inclusion, and will adopt Time Warner Cable's hiring initiatives and partnerships with educational institutions and nonprofits, including Women in Cable Telecommunications, the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications in order to recruit and retain a diverse workforce. New Charter will also continue Time Warner Cable's cross-cultural mentoring program, and has committed to returning Time Warner Cable's overseas call center jobs back to the United States.

We're excited about the emphasis New Charter will put on minority-focused programming, as well. The company will offer an array of diverse programming options, including channels like El Rey, Fusion, Fuse, NBC Universo, BET, Bounce TV, Centric, Mnet, CCTV 9, and Korean Television Network. It's nice to see a company in corporate America put such a strong emphasis on multi-cultural programming, which is too often not a priority for cable companies.

For all of these reasons and more, MAOF supports this merger and urges you to consider the benefits New Charter will bring to communities in Los Angeles and across its entire footprint.

Sincerely,

Martin Castro
President & CEO, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation