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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to support the proposed cable broadband company New Charter. I proudly serve in the California State Assembly and believe it is essential that our government supports private measures aimed at improving the lives of our constituents. For that reason, I support New Charter because it would promote job growth and offer its products to underserved communities by expanding access to a low-income broadband program.

New Charter would combine the best of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. It would be intent on improving its industry through major investments in technology, but it would also look to improve local economies by boosting American jobs. Specifically, New Charter would bring back to the United States outsourced Time Warner customer call centers. This move would bring valuable jobs to our country, and would provide vital employee investment in many regions.

New Charter's commitment to improving local communities extends from job creation to investing in underserved communities. The company would reach out specifically to consumers who currently cannot afford broadband. These days, children and adults need Internet access whether to study, apply for jobs or connect with others, so it is essential that households have a reliable connection. New Charter's low-income broadband program would engage with this community and provide discounted prices on high-quality broadband.

I am impressed with New Charter's commitment to improving its industry, and believe it would have a positive impact. I ask that you review these benefits and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Olsen".

Kristin Olsen
Republican Caucus Leader, California State Assembly