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SENATOR RICK GUNN
24TH DISTRICT

September 17, 2015

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 in support of the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As a member of the North Carolina State Senate, I work tirelessly to promote measures that will benefit my constituents and my state. I believe this merger would produce many public benefits by providing high-quality broadband to consumers and increasing competition in the telecommunications industry.

New Charter would be a pro-consumer, pro-competition company dedicated to providing the most innovative services to all customers. It understands that consumers have different needs, making product options highly valuable. New Charter would offer a broad range of bandwidths to cater to a variety of customers. This would include a basement speed of 60 Mbps, the fastest of its kind on the market, but still less expensive than many comparable packages.

New Charter's commitment to innovation would similarly benefit consumers. It would invest in many emerging technologies in order to provide consumers with the latest products. These investments would also bring competition into new areas of the telecommunications industry. For example, New Charter's commitment to invest at least \$2.5 billion in commercial networks would contribute to a much more competitive commercial space. It would couple this substantial investment with others in residential networks, digitization and WiFi hotspots.

I support New Charter because it would serve in the public's interest by bringing the latest technologies to consumers and driving more competition into its industry. I ask that you support the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Gunn".

Senator Rick Gunn

