



GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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September 17, 2015

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and its more than 1,300 members representing over 100,000 jobs in Inland Southern California, I am writing to support a proposed merger in the cable broadband industry. The merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter would offer high-quality services and much-needed local investment to small businesses in communities like Riverside all across the United States.

The Chamber works to encourage local economic development through policy advocacy and by serving as a resource to entrepreneurs. We help businesses grow their contact bases, network, and surpluses. We believe New Charter would bring important investment to our region and a significant positive impact of its products.

The proposed merger outlines numerous commitments, including regional development. New Charter would invest \$2.5 billion in building out commercial networks, contributing to necessary improvements and encouraging competition. It would also build out one million residential network lines, which further ensures areas too frequently forgotten would be included in this company's plans. Cities like Riverside are vital to regional and state markets and make enormous contributions to the national economy. The merging companies have shown they understand this, and to prove it they have made these ambitious commitments.

Beyond investment in the future, New Charter would provide the latest technology from the outset. Its model of high-quality products at affordable prices would benefit both businesses and residents. New Charter would offer a slowest speed of 60 Mbps, the fastest basement package of any company, for a price lower than many of its competitors. This broadband speed would allow streaming on several devices at the same time under one roof. We know that many small businesses would gain from such a reasonable package. As technology continues to grow into all areas of business, having affordable broadband is imperative for all entrepreneurs.

We are happy to extend our support to New Charter because we believe its investments and services would be beneficial to our region. We urge you to consider the proposal and extend your support.

Respectfully,

Cindy Roth
President/CEO

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