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Cohoes Common Council ★ Sixth Ward

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

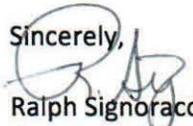
As City Council President in Cohoes, New York I work with other government leaders, businesses and residents to determine the best ways to promote economic growth and general prosperity in the region. Today, I am writing to extend my support to the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. I believe New Charter would bring high-quality broadband to my community, and I urge that its merger be approved.

New Charter would prioritize innovation through various investment plans. The commitment would include efforts to bring full digitization to all customers, work that Charter has already begun in earnest. New Charter would continue in Charter's footsteps so that all new customers could benefit from advanced technology like cloud-based technology. The company would also invest in fiber-optics in commercial and residential networks. Specifically, it would put \$2.5 billion towards commercial networks and would build out one million residential line extensions. I know that fiber-optics provide customers with the fastest and most reliable connection, and I am pleased to see New Charter's heavy investment in this area.

My community would also benefit from Charter's pro-consumer pricing system. New Charter would prioritize affordability, understanding that broadband is a necessity for many but too often comes at a big cost. Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks' customers would be introduced to Charter's nationally uniform pricing system which does not include data caps, modem or early termination fees.

Please consider the substantial impact of New Charter's investment plans and join me in support of the merger.

Sincerely,


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