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September 25, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee serves over 5,000 children each day, providing them a safe, healthy space after school. Established nearly 130 years ago, we are the oldest and largest youth-serving organization in the city, as well as the largest Boys & Girls Clubs chapter in the United States.

Time Warner Cable has been a strong community partner of ours over the years, sponsoring many of our programs and events, including our new Technology Lab at the Daniels-Mardak Club and our online STEM learning program. We are grateful for the support, and we are excited about Time Warner Cable's pending corporate merger because it would bring even more community involvement to organizations like us across the country.

In addition, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee offers a variety of programs aimed at inspiring and empowering young people, and we fully support initiatives that complement our after-school programs. We are pleased to support the proposed cable company New Charter because it would provide valuable services to low-income households.

Throughout our long history, we have balanced meeting the basic needs of our members, who often come from single-parent, low-income, minority families, with providing access to new technology and skills, offering programs that keep the interest of each new generation of youth. We know that technology is a critical tool for engaging with children, and that these skills are also vital to our modern workforce. Our youth need to have access to and a full understanding of the latest innovations, but unfortunately broadband is often out of reach for low-income households.

New Charter recognizes this gap in consumer outreach, and it would work to bridge it with a low-income program. The effort would bring high-quality broadband into households at a reduced rate. We know that our youth will benefit from access at home, and we are greatly encouraged by New Charter's commitment. As we work to supplement what our members learn in school during the day with Clubs programming, New Charter's accessibility would continue this in members' homes, providing near-constant access to technology and learning.

We are happy to extend our support to New Charter, and we urge you to join us and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Dykema".

Steve Dykema

Director of Development, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee

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