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Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing in support the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks which would create New Charter.

The Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC) has served the business community of this borough for over 20 years and we have witnessed firsthand the critical role that effective and robust telecommunication networks provide. Accessibility and reliability are critical on Staten Island, which experiencing unprecedented economic growth especially in industries which rely on robust telecommunications services such as start-ups, internet firms, design companies and technology firms.

The proposed merger has the potential to offer reliable and expanded high-speed internet to consumers. This is an essential component of the modern business world and it is vital that companies continue to innovate and improve services through partnerships such as this.

New Charter has show their commitment to participating as both a corporate steward and essential provider for a variety of firms with various needs. They appear to be committed to the hot button issue of net neutrality which will allow for companies of all sizes to access the internet without obstacles and provide the best possible service to their clients.

Finally, we are excited that the merger presents for new job creation in our local economy. There are many talented individuals throughout our borough who continue to struggle to find good-paying and skilled jobs. This merger represents a truly full circle opportunity for businesses to expand their technological capabilities and also enhance the job force.

As such, SIEDC urges the Commission to approve the merger and continue to support similar efforts to strengthen and expand the borough's growing telecommunications needs and demands.

Respectfully,

Cesar J. Claro
President & CEO