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

RE: **FCC MB Docket No. 15-149**
Charter Communications - Time Warner Cable - Bright House Networks

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I serve as the President of the San Bernardino Police Officers Association, an organization with over 200 members of law enforcement serving the City of San Bernardino, California. While our City continues to work its way out of the economic downtown, the City of San Bernardino was particularly hard-hit by the financial crisis. On August 1, 2012, the City filed an emergency petition for Bankruptcy Protection under Chapter 9. The City is still managing through the bankruptcy process and our Membership has been working tirelessly with the City to create concrete solutions. Simultaneously, our residents are struggling to find their way out of the recession. While California's poverty rate hovers around 16%, the poverty rate in the City of San Bernardino doubles that of California – at over 32%.

As a result, the City of San Bernardino needs corporate partners who will invest in our community to help it recover from these dramatic economic challenges. I am convinced that New Charter, which brings together Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, cares about local communities. Charter Communications already serves a portion of our City and with its stated continued commitment to communities, I believe that New Charter will play an important role in the City of San Bernardino's comeback.

I am convinced that in order for our most vulnerable residents to climb out of poverty, they need access to modern technology, which in 2015 means they need access to broadband. I was glad to learn that New Charter plans to offer a low-income broadband program, providing qualified customers fast broadband speeds at a reduced rate. I understand that New Charter's broadband program will offer participants 60 mbps speed, faster than other comparable offerings. Our residents desperately need this program and I am looking forward to when New Charter can begin to provide this fundamental service.

I also understand that New Charter plans to build out its WiFi hot spots throughout our region. I think that the proliferation of WiFi hot spots in our communities will become a valuable law enforcement tool and look forward to working with New Charter to use this innovation to protect the residents of the City of San Bernardino.

I believe that New Charter will positively impact the City of San Bernardino and the State of California and respectfully ask that you approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner
President
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