



October 8, 2015

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 Mr. Wheeler:

The Maccabi World Union is the largest and most enduring Jewish sports organization in the world, spanning over five continents in more than 60 countries with 450 clubs and 400,000 members worldwide. Every four years in the State of Israel, the MWU holds what is affectionately known as the “Jewish Olympics.” With close to 10,000 athletes traveling to Israel for these historic gatherings, the Maccabiah Games has become the 3rd largest sporting event in the world.

In 2009, the MWU partnered with Jewish Life Television to provide in-depth coverage of the Maccabiah Games. That partnership continued again in 2013. Never could our organization have dreamed that our Games would be broadcast throughout North America, but thanks to Jewish Life Television’s significant reach, we have been incredibly fortunate that the Maccabiah Games have been so televised. We look forward to the telecast of the Games by JLTV again in 2017. We understand that JLTV has been able to reach such a large audience throughout the United States as a result of cable distribution partners like Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

JLTV has informed us that Charter Communications has placed a bid to acquire Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks and that New Charter plans to support multi-cultural, multi-ethnic television networks such as Jewish Life Television. In light of the symbolism of the Maccabiah Games for the Jewish community in the United States and around the world, we are pleased that New Charter plans to offer a platform that includes diverse voices, including those in the Jewish-American community. Accordingly, Maccabi World Union supports the proposed combination of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks and urges the FCC to approve this transaction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eyal Tiberger
Executive Director, Maccabi World Union