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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

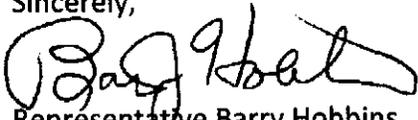
I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As one of longest serving legislators in Maine I am very focused on supporting companies that will increase economic development in our state. New Charter's commitment to bring jobs back to the US from overseas, increase broadband speeds, expand broadband to underserved areas and launch a low-cost broadband program for low-income families will benefit residents in Maine and I look forward to working with New Charter as they move forward.

Broadband deployment and adoption has been a critical issue in Maine for many years. The cable industry to date has done a good job investing in its networks throughout the state and I am confident that New Charter's plans will further benefit our residents and businesses by enhancing competition through its planned investments in new products and services. For example, the company is committing to spend \$2.5 billion on commercial network expansion, and it will build-out service to one million new residential households. In addition, New Charter will also fully digitize its new network so that Time Warner Cable customers can benefit from faster and more reliable broadband connections.

As the former Chair of the Utilities, Energy & Technology Committee, I understand firsthand the critical role that access to broadband plays in a wide range of policy issues like education, health care and job training. By introducing a low cost broadband program for low income families it will help spur adoption of broadband which will ensure that more of our residents will be able to access the power of the Internet in their personal and professional lives.

I am confident that this proposed merger will spur more economic growth and investment in the region and respectfully ask you to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Hobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "H".

Representative Barry Hobbs
Maine House of Representatives