



July 27, 2015

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

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Economic Development Center of St. Charles County (EDC) leads the efforts in helping businesses and communities grow and thrive throughout the region. We are recognized nationally as a provider of best in class services in the areas of place marketing, business finance, and business incubation. The EDC was created to embrace the qualities that make St. Charles County, Missouri one of the top areas in the St. Louis region. One of the EDC's primary goals is to make Greater St. Charles a nationally renowned most livable community.

As Chair, it is important that for the growth and development of our community, that we have a solid broadband infrastructure in place. One of the companies providing that infrastructure is Charter Communications. With its recent all-digital investment, Charter has increased video programming services, with many new programming services in High Definition. It has also added thousands of new programming offerings on its Video on Demand services. Charter also provides an affordable telephone product to its customers. Most importantly, Charter provides high speed Internet to residential and commercial customers with its lowest speed at 100 Mbps in the Greater St. Charles and Metropolitan St. Louis area. With their Internet service, Charter has no data caps or usage based pricing. This type of investment by Charter is important to the EDC as we want to retain and bring new jobs into the County and the State of Missouri.

As a board member of EDC, Charter's representative, Sean O'Donnell, has been a supporter of a variety of education and training initiatives to improve the management skills of entrepreneurs and key management personnel for area companies. Charter has also supported entrepreneurship in tangible ways by providing affordable and top quality bandwidth connectivity for residents of the EDC's two incubation facilities in St. Peters and St. Charles.

For the reasons mentioned above, the EDC believes that the Charter acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House will provide other communities under this acquisition with more reliable services and faster Internet speeds and enhance job growth opportunities in the State of Missouri. The Economic Development Center respectfully ask the FCC to approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Ruhmann".

Karl Ruhmann
Chair