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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 to express my support for the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As a member of the Tennessee General Assembly, I am committed to pursuing public policy and private interests that serve the public good. I believe New Charter would benefit my constituents through a pro-consumer, pro-broadband model that would be a great influence for the cable broadband industry.

New Charter would deliver superior services to customers at affordable rates. It would provide customized products that would meet the demands of all types of consumers, including individuals and families, and large and small businesses. This would include broadband speeds from 60 to 300 Mbps and diverse programming options. New Charter would work to fully digitize across its platform, bringing cloud-based technology to every customer. It would also extend zero modem fees, data caps or usage-based billing. These policies would ensure network neutrality for every customer on any plan.

New Charter's consumer options would be coupled with a corporate investment plan focused on future innovation. In addition to the digitization project, New Charter would invest in commercial and residential fiber-optic network lines. This work would target rural and underserved regions, and would bring high-quality bandwidth to Americans who are so often passed over by corporate America.

I am very impressed with New Charter, and believe it would certainly contribute to the public good. I ask that you consider the benefits of the merger and lend your approval.

Sincerely,

Rep. Kent Calfee
Tennessee General Assembly, District 32