



Texas House of Representatives

State Representative

Helen Giddings

House District 109

August 28, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As a passionate advocate for both consumer protection and education, I focus much of my time and energy on ensuring our consumers and citizens in Texas are protected, as well as providing equal education opportunities for children. I believe internet access is an important tool for children and families to access educational information, as well as new opportunities to improve their lives.

One of the issues a majority of my constituents face is affordable and reliable access to the internet. Many of our hardworking constituents cannot currently afford the internet services at their homes, and are forced to miss out on the many benefits of the internet as a valuable resource. I have researched the proposed merger of "Time Warner Cable" and "Charter Communications" because I was interested in the "New Charter's" commitment to creating jobs, providing a low-price internet tier, and eliminating the modem-rental fee charged by "Time Warner Cable."

As such, I submit this conditional letter of support for the "Time Warner Cable" and "Charter Communications" merger, in an effort to further protect our consumers, and to benefit educational opportunities for children and families. However, should your review find that this proposed merger will not benefit consumers directly, regardless of their income, and provide better internet access for consumers -- including my constituents in the Dallas, Texas area -- I respectfully rescind my letter of support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Giddings".

Helen Giddings