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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
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Federal Communications Commission
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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 President of the Maine State Senate and a business owner, I am very focused on supporting companies that will increase economic development in our state. I am encouraged to hear about New Charter's plans to eliminate overseas call centers and bring more jobs back to the US. This commitment is encouraging especially in a time where more companies are shifting jobs out of the country. I am hopeful that this will benefit Maine's economy by adding more jobs to Time Warner Cable's existing workforce in the near future.

Maine is a rural state and the need to deploy broadband to underserved areas is important to helping our residents stay competitive in business, education and improving their overall quality of life. It is critical for our children to have fast and reliable broadband service at home for their education. New Charter's commitment to building out one million line extensions into new areas will significantly help get this important service to the areas of Maine that need it most. I am also encouraged to hear about the program that will offer low-income households a discounted price on high-quality broadband service. I look forward to seeing what this merger will do for our Maine economy.

I respectfully ask you to consider these benefits.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Thibodeau
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