



# 'IOLANI SCHOOL

HEAD OF SCHOOL

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

'Iolani School is the largest Episcopal school in the United States. We recognize the importance of ensuring that students have access to latest internet technologies, particularly for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Our school has employed many initiatives, including a 1:1 iPad program, that help our students get comfortable with using computer technology. At the same time, we recognize that 'Iolani School is more the exception than the norm, particularly here in Hawaii. Unfortunately, many schools and students lack access to broadband and other technologies that can improve their education.

Currently, policymakers are weighing the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into a new company, New Charter. For the sake of students in Hawaii, I am writing in support of the transaction.

New Charter would help upgrade the cable and internet technology available across our state. The company has pledged to fully digitize Time Warner's existing network. In addition, the company plans to build out one million line extensions of its networks into rural and underserved residential areas. This will go a long way in ensuring that the internet is available to all.

Beyond investments in technology, I also believe New Charter would bring other benefits to our community. The three companies have a history of successful community service programs that New Charter will not just continue, but expand. One of these, Charter our Community, is pledging to overhaul more than 25,000 dilapidated homes in the next five years.

For Hawaii's young people to succeed, they need a quality education and economic opportunities. New Charter can help deliver both.

Sincerely,

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