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

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As Lt. Governor, it is very important for our state to have companies that provide competitive telecommunication services for our residents and our businesses as well as have the ability to bring about economic growth. Charter Communications is one of the providers whose network is meeting that objective.

Charter's network is all-digital and provides high quality video, voice and data products. They have a wide array of cable services and options; with many of their programming services in High Definition. Charter has a competitive phone product and they have continued to increase their high-speed Internet access, whereby Charter's slowest speed offered in Missouri where they provide service is 60Mbps. In the St. Louis area, their minimum Internet speeds are even higher. Charter's standard services are contract-free and the company has not blocked, throttled or prioritized Internet traffic. Charter has committed to transition Time Warner Cable customers to Charter's broadband product, which should result in considerably faster Internet speeds at a less expensive price. .



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Charter is a good standing member of the community. Its Charter Our Community project works with Rebuilding Together, providing financial support and volunteers to help rebuild low-income homes. Charter also provides hundreds of public and private elementary and secondary schools with free cable service through its industry's Cable in the Classroom initiative.

Charter is also bringing jobs back to Missouri and the United States. The company has over 4,000 employees in Missouri and they have committed to bring outsourced customer service jobs of Time Warner Cable back to America. In addition, as a strong advocate of the military, it is important to note that Charter has made a strong effort to hire military veterans.

Charter's high quality services and its demonstration of job growth will enhance Missouri as well as other areas of the country in which the New Charter transaction impacts. I respectfully ask the Commission to support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Kinder".

Peter Kinder
Lt. Governor, State of Missouri