



October 20, 2015

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

RE: FCC MB Docket No. 15-149  
Charter Communications - Time Warner Cable - Bright House Networks

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I currently serve as a Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Education\*. I also serve as the Executive Director for the Children's Defense Fund-California\*. Born, raised and educated in Los Angeles, I am the product of Los Angeles public schools and the son of a retired LAUSD teacher. Like my mother, I have dedicated my professional life to support and improve educational opportunities for each and every child living in our midst.

It has become abundantly clear to me that in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in order for our students to have a fighting chance at academic success, they must have access to reliable broadband service. Unfortunately, many children in our communities cannot sign onto the Internet at home and I have been working to close this digital divide for our children.

I recently learned that as part of Charter Communications' proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, New Charter has committed to adopt a low-income broadband program already in place with Bright House Networks. I understand that the program will offer qualified customers fast broadband speeds at a reduced rate. With 60 mbps speed, New Charter's broadband service will be faster than any comparable program offered by its competitors, thereby bringing affordable, reliable broadband into homes where children are working to finish their homework and adults are taking online classes and applying for jobs. I believe that this program could become a game changer for our communities and I am anxiously anticipating its rollout.

I look forward to New Charter's positive impact on Los Angeles County and the State of California and I respectfully ask that the Federal Communications Commission approve Charter Communications' proposed acquisition.

Sincerely,

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