

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Dayton Metro Library brings people of all ages and backgrounds together to discover new things about the world, themselves, and each other. Within our branches and beyond our walls, we are advocates for exploration, champions of literacy, and active facilitators of empowerment, inclusion, and positive change. We recognize the importance of STEM education programs and the role they can play to help fight illiteracy in our young people.

Any strong STEM education program will more successfully thrive with fast and affordable broadband. Because of this, the telecommunications industry plays an important part in STEM advancements. The proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks would result in New Charter, and the broadband New Charter will offer will be both affordable and fast, with nationally uniform pricing with no data caps, no usage-based pricing and no early termination fees. They will offer New Charter's lowest broadband tier of 60 Mbps, a speed that will allow our children to take their STEM education to the next level.

Time Warner Cable and Dayton Metro Library have been partners since 2014, with TWC sponsoring many of our important programs, including our Summer Reading Club in both 2014 and 2015. These programs prepared young people for success by developing reading and language skills and encouraging discussion through STEM reading and hands-on activities and labs. From our understanding, New Charter will continue with this same focus on improving our communities, which will especially benefit those of modest means, who are most in need of access to information.

According to Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the largest literacy nonprofit in the United States, children who do not read over the summer will lose more than two months of reading achievement. The support for our communities New Charter will offer, coupled with the impact New Charter's broadband could have for our patrons, will allow us at Dayton Metro Library to give children the tools they need to transition from surviving to THRIVING. We urge the FCC to support this merger.

Sincerely,

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Dayton Metro Library