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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,

Knoxville, Tennessee, in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, is proud of our blend of southern hospitality and modern development. As the state senator representing Knoxville and parts of Knox County, I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Bright House Networks and Time Warner Cable into New Charter.

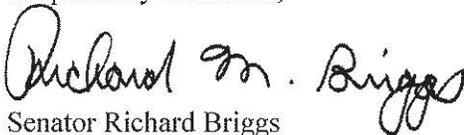
An issue all elected officials hear often about, me included, is the economy – specifically jobs. New Charter has already made a commitment to bring jobs back to the U.S. They will create thousands of U.S.-based jobs, through positions for important areas such as field technician operations and customer service call centers. Some of these positions with Time Warner Cable are currently outside the United States, and New Charter will work to bring them home.

New Charter is also planning to expand the infrastructure for broadband service, which will be a big benefit to our businesses as well as to our families. After the merger, they will build out one million line extensions into residential areas, and aim to bring faster service to those that need it, delivering high-speed broadband to rural and other underserved areas. Additionally, New Charter will invest at least \$2.5 billion in the build-out of networks into commercial areas.

Finally, Charter Communications has a history of fighting for network neutrality. New Charter will continue this commitment to investment in interconnection capacity to avoid network congestion.

This merger will be a benefit across the board for the constituents of Tennessee's 7<sup>th</sup> District, and on their behalf, I ask that the FCC approve it.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Senator Richard Briggs

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