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August 7, 2015

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Small businesses are the drivers of economic growth in our country. At the Birmingham Business Resource Center we promote and assist the growth of small businesses and others by providing programs for access to capital. By combining the essential assistance of a bank and knowledge of a resource center, we are cultivating successful businesses and economic growth. Through our client relationships we have developed a deep understanding of small business needs, including high-quality, affordable broadband. As such we want to use our position to advocate for companies that offer these vital services.

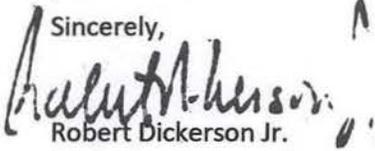
The proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter would be a major help to our clients. New Charter would be committed to entrepreneurs that require the latest technology but cannot afford expensive products. It would also work with small businesses to encourage their engagement with the cable broadband industry, opening up doors of opportunity that otherwise would be difficult to unlock.

New Charter would offer a range of products to its customers across its national footprint. With broadband speeds ranging from 60 Mbps to 300 Mbps, no customer would have to worry about a slow connection. The 60 Mbps option would be both the fastest and among the cheapest basement speeds offered by any cable company. In addition, our clients would not have to worry about data caps or usage-based billing because New Charter would be firmly committed to network neutrality. These guarantees are not universal across the telecommunications industry, and they represent a clear understanding of what small businesses and start-ups require in order to succeed.

New Charter would be highly engaged in local communities. It would implement Time Warner's award-winning diversity and inclusion programs that include free information sessions for women, veteran, minority and disabled-owned businesses to learn about the cable supply chain. This presents an important opportunity for many of our clients to gain training from the experts themselves, all at no cost.

We are very excited about New Charter and believe it would make a big impact on our clients. We ask you to carefully consider the benefits of the merger and join us in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Dickerson Jr.", written over the printed name.

Robert Dickerson Jr.

Executive Director, Birmingham Business Resource Center