



MICHIGAN SENATE

JIM STAMAS

36TH DISTRICT

October 29, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a Michigan State Senator, I am committed to improving the quality of life in my state by supporting measures that will increase economic activity and boost consumer access to important products and services. Proposed cable broadband company New Charter would improve its industry through substantial investments in broadband infrastructure and a commitment to job growth.

New Charter would bring together the best of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. The company would work to improve the quality of services offered in its industry by investing in critical areas of need. For example, New Charter would invest \$2.5 billion in commercial networks and would build out one million residential line extensions. This work would bring fiber-optic speeds to customers throughout the country. It would also upgrade areas of our ailing national broadband infrastructure and produce more competition in its industry.

New Charter's investments would have many positive effects on consumers and its industry. Its efforts to boost jobs would be another welcomed contribution to economic development and growth. The company would take aim at this initiative by bringing back to the United States outsourced customer call centers. This would increase American jobs while also improving customer care. The move is a strong commitment to job growth at a time when corporate America is increasingly looking overseas for expansion.

New Charter would invest heavily in our nation's broadband infrastructure and make efforts to contribute to critical job growth. I believe the company deserves support from government and regulatory officials, and I urge the commission to approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Stamas".

Jim Stamas
State Senator
36th District

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