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October 14, 2015

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

In the Washington State Senate, we are committed to improving the lives of our constituents, and I believe it is critical that our government seeks out private initiatives that will contribute valuable economic development to the region. For this reason, I support the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. Together the companies would provide critical investments to our national broadband infrastructure and would work to boost job growth.

New Charter would be a forward-thinking company founded in its drive for innovation and committed to consumer demands. The company would work to improve services for customers by ensuring they receive the latest technology. This effort would include investments in broadband infrastructure, including putting \$2.5 billion towards commercial networks and building out one million residential line extensions. The work would upgrade networks to the latest fiber-optics, which is regarded as the most reliable and fastest material available.

New Charter would couple its investments in infrastructure with its commitment to job growth. The company would boost domestic jobs by returning to the United States outsourced customer call centers. This effort would both support American jobs and improve customer care outcomes.

New Charter has outlined the many ways in which it would improve the cable broadband industry. I am particularly impressed with the company's commitments to infrastructure projects and job growth. I urge the commission to recognize the value in these efforts and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Honeyford".

Senator Jim Honeyford
Washington State Senator