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

July 29, 2015

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The City of Mascoutah, Illinois, is a great place to raise families, build business, and experience the benefits of big city living in a hometown atmosphere. Our population is approximately 8,000 residents and less than a half hour drive from St. Louis. Our community is also close to Scott Air Force Base and is the home to Mid America Airport.

Charter Communications is one of the telecommunication providers in our city. They provide quality cable TV service, phone and high speed internet services both to residential and business locations. Mascoutah has grown in the last decade and the importance of high-speed internet is a must. Charter provides 100 megabits as the lowest service level of Internet in our community. Charter officials have said that their company is committed to a free and open internet.

As a military veteran, I appreciate Charter's commitment to hire veterans through RecruitMilitary. Veterans deserve a chance to demonstrate their leadership skills in the private sector and Charter provides that opportunity. In my capacity as President of the Illinois Municipal League (IML), I can attest to Charter's maintaining good relationships with its communities. This was recently evidenced by Charter's participation in sponsoring the IML Summer Board of Director's meeting.

Charter has provided our community quality services and I believe other communities under this transaction will be greatly benefited. I hope that the FCC will approve the transfer of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks to Charter Communications.

Sincerely,

Gerald Daugherty
Mayor, City of Mascoutah