

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As a member of the Maine House of Representatives, I am very focused on supporting companies that will increase economic development in our state. Now in my first term, I recognize the many benefits that this transaction will bring to our state and consumers throughout Maine. These benefits will include faster broadband service with no data caps or usage-based pricing, a commitment to net neutrality, new investments in customer service, and plans to aggressively rollout advanced technologies (ex. WiFi deployment).

Here in Maine, Time Warner Cable employs 900 residents including a call center in Portland with 200 employees. I am encouraged to hear about New Charter's plans to eliminate overseas call centers and bring more jobs back to the US. This commitment is significant and could be very beneficial to the Maine economy.

In addition, I understand that New Charter will fully digitize its new network so that Time Warner Cable customers can benefit from faster and more reliable broadband connections which play a critical role in education, health care and job training. I am very pleased that New Charter will actively engage with consumers of limited means by offering low-income households a discounted price on high-quality broadband service. This program will help those residents gain access to the power of the Internet for their personal and professional lives.

I respectfully ask you to consider these benefits and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Hilliard".

Gary Hilliard
State Representative