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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a member of the Connecticut State House representing the City of Stamford, I am closely connected to our local business community. Our city attracts a diverse range of companies, like Charter Communications, that seek to invest and grow in this region. I am pleased that Charter continues to pursue expansion opportunities, and I believe its pending merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks will significantly enhance its ability to deploy new advanced products and services that will meet consumer demand.

In Connecticut, Charter currently has over 600 employees that serve as a valuable component of our state's economy, and New Charter is expected to add to this level. It is particularly noteworthy, that the company plans to return existing foreign-based Time Warner Cable's call center jobs back to the U.S. This will continue Charter's very positive job growth trend—increased its overall employment levels by 40% since 2013.

Importantly, Charter's application also includes a number of pro-consumer policy initiatives. I believe that consumers should have unrestricted access to more video choices through other service providers like Netflix. New Charter will be committed to net neutrality, looking to deliver superior broadband designed for online video and data-intensive applications. The company has long practiced network neutrality and consistently invested in interconnection capacity to avoid network congestion.

Fast and reliable broadband service should not be accessible only to the more fortunate. It is critically important that we provide affordable high-speed broadband services to low income residents— especially households with school-age children. As a result, I strongly support Charter's proposal to expand low-cost broadband service to these key customer groups.

New Charter will bring many benefits to its customers across its nationwide service area, and I respectfully request that the FCC take favorable action on their merger application.

Sincerely,

Rep. Dan Fox
State Representative, 148th House District

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