

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 to urge the commission to approve the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. I am privileged to serve in the Montana State Senate from Senate District 4 in northwest Montana, and previously served as Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives. During my time in the Montana legislature, I have taken a leadership role in advancing a competitive environment that promotes private investment that will bring advanced communications networks and services to the citizens of Montana. I am committed to continuing to use my position to advocate for proposals that will bring economic development to the region and improve consumer affairs. New Charter would serve as an investment stimulus, and the company's efforts in customer care would ensure high satisfaction.

I am greatly encouraged by New Charter's commitment to rural development, and believe many Montana communities would benefit. The company has pledged \$2.5 billion to upgrade commercial networks and would build out an additional one million residential line extensions. The work would bring fiber-optic speeds and reliability to communities that currently struggle with outdated infrastructure.

In addition, New Charter would implement reassuring cost commitments to all customers. The company would not issue usage-based billing and would instead ensure flat rates. This is important to individuals and businesses who cannot afford surprise bills or limits to data use. The efforts would be solidified by New Charter's commitment to network neutrality, which would ensure that the Internet remains an open domain and equal playing field.

I am impressed with New Charter's plans, and confident in its positive contribution to the cable broadband industry. I urge the commission to support the company and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

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