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November 2, 2015

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the House Ranking Member of the General Assembly's Commerce Committee, I am highly focused on the success of our state's business community. As a result, I am a determined advocate for policies that encourage private-sector infrastructure investment and job creation.

Based upon my review, the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks contains a number of key commitments that will positively address these two major issues, and other critical public policy considerations.

The company's proposed application provides details on New Charter's business plan. This will include a low-income high-speed broadband initiative for underserved families, major investments in commercial and residential network deployment, and plans to return foreign-based customer call center operations back to the United States. Overall, I am pleased with these pro-consumer efforts that will provide benefits not just here in Connecticut, but throughout New Charter's nationwide service area.

It is also important that Charter's application includes elements that will advance a major priority that I care about— more choice, competition in the video marketplace that leads to lower prices. New Charter will be a strong supporter of net neutrality rules, so that consumers can have unrestricted access to more video choices which empowers them to control their pay-television packages and costs through service providers like Hulu and Netflix. The significance of this commitment is illustrated by the fact that Netflix has filed a letter with the FCC supporting this merger transaction. Their letter states that "Netflix believes that this new policy and the commitment to apply it across the 'New Charter' footprint is a substantial public interest benefit and will support scaling the Internet to meet consumers' growing demand for online services and help foster continued innovation across the Internet ecosystem."

For these reasons, I am supportive of this proposed transaction, and respectfully request that the Commission take favorably action on Charter's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Camillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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