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September 14, 2015

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

Re: Proceeding 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing in support of the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As a member of the Michigan Senate, I serve individuals and families in Southwest Michigan and believe New Charter would serve in the best interest of the public through superior products and affordable prices.

New Charter would be committed to the highest standards of customer care, through which it would improve products and services while providing a range of offerings, catering to a variety of consumers. New Charter would offer broadband speeds of 60 mbps, ensuring no customer would have service disruptions. It would also commit to no modern fees, data caps or usage-based billing, allowing all customers to work with flat rates that provide clarity and no surprise end-of-month bills.

New Charter's products would be of the highest quality, including a fully digitized platform with cloud-based technology. The company would invest heavily in the latest innovations in order to provide the best services. This includes investments in commercial and residential fiber-optic networks, which are widely accepted as the new standard for the industry.

Again, I support the formation of New Charter through this merger. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 517-373-6960 or by e-mail at [senjproos@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjproos@senate.michigan.gov).

Truly,

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