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I am concerned that Charter's purchase of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks may result in the loss of independent and minority owned networks showcasing diverse voices like UP and ASPIRE. Currently, Time Warner Cable and Bright House both carry UP and ASPIRE; however Charter does not and I would like the FCC to ensure that any acquisition by Charter be conditioned by a commitment for Charter to continue carrying this network.

UP and ASPIRE are among a handful of networks that provide programming grounded in values, family and community messages that are too infrequently communicated through our televisions. It would be unconscionable for the FCC to say that this merger is in the public interest and not to protect networks like UP and ASPIRE.

I strongly urge the FCC to ensure that networks such as UP and ASPIRE will continue to be available to me and others who share my same values.