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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,

I am pleased to write in support of the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. In my role as Tennessee Lieutenant Governor, I strongly advocate for the business community. It is critical that our government endorses efforts to boost jobs and increase economic activity, particularly in underserved regions. New Charter would be a great addition to the cable broadband industry, and I urge the commission to approve its merger.

New Charter would improve the cable broadband industry and contribute to a growing economy in numerous ways. The company would be driven by innovation and committed to economic development. For example, it would upgrade both commercial and residential networks to fiber-optic technology through significant financial and construction goals. The company would also invest in cloud-based technology, full digitization, and out-of-home WiFi hotspots. These are substantial efforts in innovation, and would certainly increase economic investment in regions across the country.

New Charter would couple its investments with a commitment to job growth. The company understands the concerns some have with merger layoffs. As part of its commitment to the public interest, New Charter would bring back to the United States overseas Time Warner customer call centers. This move, which goes against industry trends, would boost American jobs and improve customer care.

I believe New Charter would provide great services to consumers. The company's detailed investment and job growth plans are clear commitments to economic development. Please support these important initiatives and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Ramsey".

Ron Ramsey
Lieutenant Governor
Speaker of the Senate