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WAYCROSS COMMUNITY MEDIA

CPB HOLDINGS, INC.

November 6, 2015

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

Re: Applications of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable, Inc., and
Advance/Newhouse Partnership for Consent to the Transfer of Control for Licenses and
Authorizations (DN 15-149)

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am writing on behalf of Waycross Community Media. We are a Public, Education and Government (PEG) Media Center serving the Cincinnati suburbs of Forest Park, Greenhills, Colerain Township and Springfield Township. We produce and facilitate over 1500 hours of local programming each year – including, but not limited to Council/Trustee and school board meetings, events and programs in our schools, and local religious programming from a variety of different denominations.

While we would hope our successful partnership with Time Warner would continue under Charters leadership, we are concerned about the impact the proposed transactions will have on the public interest, our organization and the communities we serve – based on their reported performance in the communities they currently serve.

Specifically, we are concerned that the community channels would be moved away from the basic tier near local broadcast channels into a digital siberia, making them hard for viewers to find. We are the only organization serving our communities with truly local programming – including LIVE programs.

Because AT&T and ALEC successfully pushed through state franchising in Ohio, we no longer have the ability to negotiate a franchise that serves community needs. One of those needs – and the most often heard complaint from subscribers in our communities – is that the community programs are not listed in the on screen electronic program guide. In our case, Time Warner even lists the program guide of channels they chose to block out such, as EWTN and TBN, on our channels.

So, we would ask that as a condition of the merger all systems operated by the combined Charter/Time Warner organization be required to:

1. Keep community access channels on the basic tier, in the same proximity as local broadcast channels, without the requirement for additional equipment/cost to view them; and
2. List community access programming on the electronic program guide for each of the community channels.

Respectfully submitted.



Chip Bergquist, Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner Ajit Pai, Commissioner Michael O'Rielly