

October 20, 2015

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

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Michigan's 66th district includes all of Van Buren County, Alamo Township, Cooper Township and the city of Parchment in Kalamazoo County. As a member of the Michigan House serving this district since 2010, I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents in support of the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications and Bright House Networks into a new entity: New Charter.

I grew up on a 4th generation family dairy and grape farm south of Lawton in Porter Township, and I continue to reside in Porter Township. I understand the importance of investment in our rural communities, and the important role good broadband technology can play in these areas. Additionally, I see on a regular basis the need for strong American Jobs, especially in low income areas.

Charter Communications today is almost 100% digital. Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, however, are not quite there. New Charter will complete this full digitization in order to free up spectrum that will allow for faster broadband speeds and more High-Definition channels and On-Demand offerings. This digitization will be welcomed by my constituents.

New Charter will also look to bring jobs back to American soil. This is something with benefits that are twofold: improved customer care, and American jobs. Charter Communications has brought jobs back to the U.S and New Charter will continue to move existing call center jobs here, hiring and training thousands of new employees for its customer service call centers and field technician operations.

This merger will benefit the fine folks of the 66th district in a variety of ways. On behalf of my constituents, I encourage the FCC to support New Charter.

Sincerely,

Aric Nesbitt
State Representative
District 66