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State Representative
District 93

November 16, 2015

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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the representative to the Missouri legislature for the 93rd district, I am writing to express support for New Charter – the proposed merger between Bright House Networks (BHN), Time Warner Cable (TWC) and Charter Communications. Missouri's 93rd district represents the southeast portion of Saint Louis County and part of south Saint Louis City. My constituents are hard-working individuals, who care about their family and their community. The district has many small and family-owned businesses, and Charter is a company that provides quality high-speed Internet services. A free and open internet is also important to my constituents, and New Charter has already made strong commitments in this area. New Charter will not block or slow down Internet traffic or engage in paid prioritization—the same commitment already followed by Charter Communications today.

At the same time, it's important that companies reach out to help bring Internet services to those that are less fortunate. That is why I am pleased to hear that New Charter will expand the program of Bright House Networks to bring broadband to low-income customers at a discounted rate.

Finally, jobs are an issue of critical importance to the people of the 93rd district. Charter Communications has successfully brought jobs to the state of Missouri, and New Charter will continue that commitment to American jobs. With hiring needs for customer service call centers and technician operations, New Charter will be bringing jobs back to U.S. soil.

I strongly encourage the FCC to support this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Burns".

Bob Burns
State Representative
District 93