

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149



November 20, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing in support of the proposed cable merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. As a State Representative representing the 49th Legislative District in the Washington State House and as a member of the House Technology & Economic Development Committee, I believe this proposed merger will greatly benefit my constituents and the state of Washington as a whole.

Lack of access to reliable Internet can be a major barrier to educational and economic success. Too many people in the Evergreen State, particularly in rural areas, lack access high speed Internet. Every day in my district, children struggle to complete online homework assignments, write research papers or even apply to colleges because they lack affordable Internet access.

New Charter, however, has pledged to give back to underserved communities by adopting and expanding Bright House Networks' program of providing low-income individuals lower rates on high quality broadband internet. The combined company will broaden access to this program and will build out one million residential line extensions focused in underserved areas.

In the Public Interest Statement filed with the FCC, New Charter committed to streamline their billing process, offering straightforward, nationally uniform pricing without data caps, usage based billing, modem fees, or early termination fees. They also committed to a free and open Internet, without blocking, slowing Internet traffic, or engaging in paid prioritization. Those are important issues for me and my constituents.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to support the proposed merger in an expeditious manner.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Wylie".

Sharon Wylie
State Representative
49th Legislative District