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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,

Having reviewed the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, I ask that you approve this merger so that all Coloradans, including those in my rural mountain Colorado House District 26, may experience the benefits of the newly merged company, New Charter.

New Charter has demonstrated a real commitment to customers and workers. The company will move overseas call centers back home to the United States. Having these call centers in the United States should provide a better experience for the customer, while simultaneously giving more Americans access to good, technically-skilled jobs.

I am also glad to know that New Charter is going to invest more in rural communities like those I represent. The company is planning to build out one million line extensions into residential areas that will help provide better service to rural regions of the country. Internet technology is an indispensable tool, and rural Americans deserve access for our homes, businesses and schools.

Charter is currently the service provider for the Town of Hayden, Colorado, 81639. I represent Hayden and 10 other small municipalities, plus 8 unincorporated districts, all located in either Eagle County or Routt County, Colorado. Having adequate, reliable, and affordable service is critical for our businesses to flourish and for public schools, community colleges, health care providers, veterans services, public safety professionals, and local governments to provide the services that citizens need. The availability good telecommunications is crucial to attracting and retaining new businesses and the jobs they bring.

The creation of New Charter would help ameliorate the technology gap that frequently exists between urban and rural America. This merger deserves your support.

Yours for a just, equitable, sustainable, and prosperous Colorado for All,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Mitsch Bush", written in a cursive style.

Diane Mitsch Bush
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