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Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

On behalf of the City of Nehalem, Oregon, I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Time Warner Cable (TWC), Bright House Networks (BHN), and Charter Communications.

Nehalem is a small city on the Oregon Coast which is a rural area, but also a vacation destination. We have the Pacific Ocean and the Nehalem River which serve as attractions to visitors and add to the beauty of this area making it a special place to live.

I believe that the merger of these three companies into "New Charter" will improve telecommunication performance and provide better service for subscribers all along the Oregon Coast. Merging will broaden access to broadband by building upon Bright House Network's program for low-income consumers, raising speeds and expanding eligibility while still offering a discount price. New Charter will also return Time Warner Cable call center jobs to the United States and result in hiring and training thousands of new employees for customer service call centers and field technician operations. Most importantly, New Charter will remain committed to net neutrality and will not block or slow down Internet traffic, engage in paid prioritization, and will not impose data caps or usage-based billing.

I fully support the expansion of quality community partners such as Charter Communications. I ask that you support this proposed merger.

Sincerely,

Dale Shafer  
City Manager