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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,

As a Michigan State Representative for the 110th District I am committed to advocating for issues that deeply concern my constituents. I often concentrate on matters that concern rural and underserved regions, and believe it is vital that our government does not overlook such important members of our community. Rural communities often lack access to resources that are easily found in urban areas. Technology access is increasingly guilty of this, and I believe it is important that we address the divide quickly.

I am in full support proposed cable broadband company New Charter's efforts to improve broadband access for rural and underserved regions. The company has committed to numerous efforts that would work to bridge the digital divide, and I am confident the company can improve access for consumers in Michigan and across the country.

The combination of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks, New Charter would invest in our crumbling national broadband infrastructure. The work would include finance and construction goals aimed at bringing fiber-optics to mostly rural and underserved regions. In addition to these commercial and residential network upgrades, New Charter would advocate for access through its low-income program. The initiative would provide quality broadband to customers at a reduced rate, allowing some underserved households to get online for the first time. The program would improve education outcomes for students and networking capabilities for adults, and serve as a great example for the rest of the telecommunications industry.

I firmly believe New Charter would serve the public good. I urge you to support efforts to bring fast and reliable broadband to rural and underserved regions, and approve New Charter.

Sincerely,

Rep. Scott Dianda
Michigan House of Representatives
110th House District

