RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Since 2010 when I was elected Mayor of Louisville, KY, I have been committed to growing jobs and creating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. In order for our city to be successful in reaching these goals, I depend on partnerships from local companies and community organizations. I am writing today in support of the proposed cable broadband company New Charter which would join together Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks because it would create good paying American jobs, advance the rollout of technology and benefit local communities.

New Charter is committed to investing in the American workforce. Louisville is fortunate to have over 1,100 Charter and 1,500 Time Warner Cable employees. We understand the many benefits that will come from these jobs including training, benefits and opportunities for advancement.

Louisville customers would also benefit from Charter’s commitment to faster speeds at lower prices and investing in all-digital systems. New Charter offers a fast 60 Mbps entry level speed at a rate which is less than comparable Time Warner Cable offerings. Moreover, Charter has committed to complete the full digitalization of all Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks systems which will increase speeds and allow more On-Demand offerings.

Recognizing the important role communities play in creating a culture of innovation and learning, New Charter will build on Bright House Networks’ successful low-income broadband program by expanding eligibility to provide fast broadband at a discounted rate.

We have benefited from a strong partnership with Time Warner Cable and believe approving New Charter will only build on that success. Please consider supporting the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

Greg Fischer,
Mayor

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