

December 3, 2015

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

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium (MMACC), an inter-governmental consortium created by Local Franchising Authorities (LFA's) to operate Public, Education, and Government (PEG) cable access channels and services in the Mid Michigan area, I'd like to submit our support related to Proceeding No. 15-149 (Charter Communications Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., Bright House Networks LLC merger/acquisition).

The Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium operates the MAC TV Network which consists of four PEG channels in three different counties in Mid Michigan. The thirteen communities we represent is one of the largest intergovernmental cooperation and geographic area covered by one local community channel entity. Our experience with Charter Communications Inc. on PEG issues has been mostly positive.

The merger will result in the creation of New Charter which has made commitments to expand availability of service in rural areas, provide increased speeds, enhance customer service, and provide more local jobs. We are very excited about New Charter's commitment to continue and expand Bright House Network's program for providing broadband service to low-income families that qualify.

We would expect the FCC to require that the resulting entity of this merger/acquisition proposal completely and efficiently fulfill all PEG-related cable franchise obligations in the markets served by the new corporation. This expectation should be applied regardless of whether the new entities are operating directly under "federal – local" or "federal – state – local" regulatory structures. All current levels of support for PEG should be continued and expanded upon. Our expectation is that the PEG channels continue to be enhanced by being put on equal footing with New Charters broadcast channels and be allowed to be made available in HD and with full schedules on the program guide.

We are confident that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will act diligently in its review of this proposed merger/acquisition. Thank you for considering our comments. We look forward to following the FCC's proceedings on this matter very closely.

Sincerely,

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