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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,

Buffalo, Wyoming is a small town of 4,585 residents in rural Wyoming. We understand firsthand how crucial high-speed broadband services are for rural regions like ours for people to stay connected and for our businesses to compete. Unfortunately, we are often overlooked when it comes to innovative new technologies.

That's why I am particularly interested in the pending cable merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks and believe our community would benefit from the new company's substantial infrastructure investment projects. For example, New Charter has pledged to spend at least \$2.5 billion toward upgrading commercial networks and building out one million residential line extensions into rural and previously overlooked areas. These commitments will help bring parts of rural Wyoming into the 21st century and we welcome these investments.

New Charter will offer high speeds ranging from a basement package of 60 Mbps all the way up to the ultra-fast 300 Mbps, and will bring their entire footprint all-digital. They have also made strong commitments to customer service – and will hire and train thousands of new employees. New Charter will close all Time Warner Cable call centers overseas and move those jobs back home.

I appreciate the concrete commitments New Charter has made, and know the expanded access and new, innovative services will be of great benefit to the people of Buffalo, Wyoming. It is for these reasons that I ask you to swiftly approve this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Johnson".

Mayor Michael Johnson

Buffalo, Wyoming