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

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a Yellowstone County Commissioner, I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. Yellowstone is the most populous county in Montana and I am confident that this merger will help our population.

Charter Communications currently has a call center in Yellowstone County, and the economic benefits Charter brings to our area cannot be understated. After the merger, I am confident that New Charter will continue to provide benefits to our community and rural communities like ours across the country. The merger will bring back jobs to America. Charter has committed to close Time Warner Cable's foreign call-centers to bring those jobs back for Americans, creating over 20,000 jobs. New Charter would provide an exciting opportunity to increase employment rates and stimulate local economies.

New Charter would also expand into residential areas and underserved communities. The merger would result in the construction of one million line extensions and at least \$2.5 billion invested to building out networks beyond where the companies currently operate. This would increase competition and help our citizens and businesses get the best access to internet services.

As County Commissioner, I see how this merger would benefit my community and similar communities around the country, and I urge you to approve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Reno", is written over a horizontal line.

James E. Reno
Yellowstone County Commissioner

JER/ptb