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Chrissy Sommer

State Representative
District 106

December 9, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, I am pleased to offer my support to the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. My district already benefits from the services of Charter, and we are confident that New Charter would continue to provide quality products to all customers. In particular, the merged companies would work to improve access for rural and underserved regions.

New Charter outlines numerous commitments in its proposal that aim to address quality and access. The company's efforts to provide the latest innovations would include investments in full digitization, commercial and residential fiber-optics, and out-of-home WiFi hotspots. These efforts would have a substantial impact on service. Charter has already worked to digitize my district, and we are grateful to benefit from speeds that start at 60 Mbps.

New Charter's investments would also include concerns of access. Technology is an enormous component of education, and students need access at schools and home in order to succeed. Unfortunately, some students do not have home access because of financial constraints. New Charter would address this issue through its low-income program, which would provide households with a discount on quality broadband.

Charter has made critical investments in my community in recent years. New Charter would continue these efforts by prioritizing quality and access. Please support these endeavors and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chrissy Sommer".

Representative Chrissy Sommer
Missouri House of Representatives