

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

12/10/15

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Since 1855 when Curry County, Oregon was founded, it has contained valuable standing timber as well as beautiful coastal scenery. As a very rural area, we understand the many challenges facing our economy today. As former Curry County Commissioner, I have experienced firsthand the crucial role local businesses and organizations can play to spur economic activity and make advances in technology to make us competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

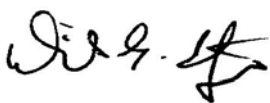
I am writing today in support of the proposed cable broadband company New Charter which would bring together Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. Charter has made several substantial commitments post- transaction which would go a long way to benefit consumers of all backgrounds.

It is my understanding that after the transaction, Charter has committed to build out one million line extensions and invest at least \$2.5 billion in the build-out of networks into commercial areas beyond where they currently operate. Investments like these will go a long way to add much needed competition in the residential areas and commercial sector especially for rural and other underserved areas.

I am also impressed by Charter's commitment to bring Time Warner Cable customer call centers back to America, improving customer service and creating close to 20,000 jobs. In addition to creating good paying jobs, it also gives technicians quality training, benefits, and opportunities for advancement.

I believe that Charter has outlined many strong commitments that will go a long way to benefit Curry County as well as other similar counties across the country. I urge you to take these many benefits into consideration and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Itzen". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

David G. Itzen  
Former Curry County Commissioner