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Chairman Thom Wheeler
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This letter serves to present the City's support for the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks with our cable/internet provider, Charter Communications. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, we encourage your favorable review and eventual approval of this important partnership, which will enhance quality of life for not only our businesses, residents and visitors - but also for folks from all over Michigan and the Midwest.

Charter's Michigan Government Affairs Director, Marilyn Passmore, continually endeavors to reach out with informational updates, and our learning of New Charter's commitments resulting from this merger was as enthusiastically received as it was presented. Plans for a broadband program for economically challenged consumers, and the creation 300,000 Wi-Fi access points will exponentially expand the availability of the internet for millions of users. Extensions of Charter's network to homes within its present franchise footprint and the build-out of networks in commercial areas will serve to further the range of high-quality broadband in our part of the planet. And importing jobs from offshore call centers is yet another extremely significant outcome that will be made possible by this merger.

Please lead the FCC in granting the approval of this important merger.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MONTAGUE

John French
City Manager