Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I write to you today in support of the pending cable broadband merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. I’m looking forward to the many benefits New Charter will bring to Louisville and to Kentucky as a whole.

As President of the Louisville Metro Council, I know firsthand how important technology is to all sectors of our community. From large businesses to low-income neighborhoods, we all rely on robust, innovative technologies to connect and advance. The pro-broadband, pro-consumer New Charter will provide high-speed, 100% digital services to its entire footprint, and will offer tailored packages to meet individual needs. Their lowest basement package will offer speeds of 60 Mbps at a lower price than other companies’ comparable offerings, yet will still be advanced enough to allow multiple people in the household to stream video on multiple devices.

For far too long, the expensive cost of cable and internet packages has precluded many of our low income residents from experiencing what the internet has to offer. From completing homework, applying to colleges and connecting with family, to applying for jobs or getting an online degree, internet access is the gateway to success in today’s 21st Century economy. New Charter seems to recognize this, first by offering low-priced basement packages and second by committing to expand its low income broadband program, which offers subsidized services to those in need. I appreciate these commitments, and am confident the company will make a positive impact on the Louisville metropolitan area.

Please consider these positive impacts on our community as you consider this transaction, and I ask that you vote to approve New Charter so that they can continue to put their consumers first.

Sincerely,

David W. Tandy
President of the Louisville Metro Council