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 Texas House of Representatives, I am committed to improving the lives of my constituents through socially conscious policies that encourage economic development. I support the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks because it would serve the public good through a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

New Charter would include Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. The company would be dedicated to improved customer care by focusing on diversity and inclusion initiatives that aim to impact consumer options and industry culture. I am encouraged by the company's commitments, and hope it would spur similar measures by its competitors.

New Charter would provide customers with a wide range of programming. These options would include Hispanic, Asian and African American-oriented channels that offer viewers a unique media perspective that can be lost on other mainstream stations. New Charter would extend its commitment to diversity and inclusion to its entire industry. Recognizing that telecommunications often lacks sufficient cultural diversity, it would offer minority-owned businesses free seminars that could provide the tools needed to join the cable broadband supply chain. New Charter would also work to increase its own workplace diversity, and would implement programs aimed at mentoring and inclusion.
I am impressed with New Charter's commitment to diversity, and believe it would be a great example for its industry. I ask that you join me and support the merger.

Sincerely,

Joe D. Deshotel
State Representative
22nd Legislative District