September 24, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Edinburg Rio Grande Valley supports a diverse and growing community. Edinburg is located in a four-county region that is home to the highest concentration of people between the ages of 18 and 24 in North America. Our organization is committed to providing the guidance and support young people need to reach their full potential. We are writing today to urge the approval of the cable broadband company New Charter, which we believe would provide the youth we serve with the access to technology they need.

New Charter would include Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. The company would be committed to community investment, which it would carry out through local partnerships and support for key issues. One of New Charter’s major concerns is providing broadband access. The company understands that many consumers simply cannot pay for broadband, despite the increasing importance of the internet. New Charter would offer low cost internet service to low-income households through a discounted program.

New Charter would also be committed to diversity and inclusion. The company would initiate programs in hiring, procurement, programming and community investment that target diversity. Many of our youth come from Spanish-speaking homes, and we believe it is important that they are afforded the opportunity to engage with Hispanic media.

We support New Charter because our young people would benefit from the company and its services. Thus, we respectfully ask for support of initiatives that seek to improve the lives of underserved youth in the Rio Grande Valley and approve New Charter.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Walker Hernandez
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Edinburg Rio Grande Valley