

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,

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area have worked with children in the Travis County area for nearly 50 years, and over the last decade we have grown exponentially. Today, we run 25 member clubs throughout the region, reaching more than 2,000 youth per day. The growth of our organization has mirrored the economic decline of the region. We are here for youth living in poverty, and we want to advocate for measures that will improve their lives.

We believe the cable broadband company New Charter would assist in our efforts to prepare area youth for the future. The company would include Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, all of which have admirable histories of community investment. New Charter would likewise prioritize the needs of underserved consumers. Children living in poverty lack many services that their peers enjoy, including access to technology. New Charter would provide low-income households with discounted broadband. The program would give many of the children we work with the opportunity to utilize the Internet as they study at home, and would reinforce the technology skills they learn in school and will need for the future.

We are very impressed with New Charter's commitment to underserved consumers. We ask you to consider the impact of the company's low cost internet service program on the youth we serve and approve the merger.

Sincerely,



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