



## GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As Township Supervisor for Gun Plain Charter Township, Michigan, I write in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. I support the merger because it will expand the company's residential footprint, offer low-cost broadband, expand WiFi hotspots and create jobs.

First, as a rural township, it is important we have the latest technology, and New Charter would expand broadband for local communities and families. After the merger, New Charter would commit \$2.5 billion to build-out networks into commercial areas. This will create competition in the commercial sector by reducing the technological gaps between urban and rural communities.

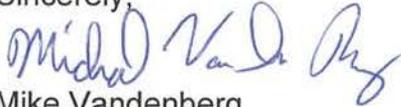
New Charter would make comprehensive investments across its entire footprint. The merger would result in the build out of one million line extensions beyond where Charter currently services. New Charter plans to also increase competition in the mobile data market by deploying over 300,000 out-of-home WiFi access points. This expanded broadband would benefit both local families and businesses.

Finally, New Charter will demonstrate their commitment to American jobs by bringing quality jobs back to the U.S. Since 2012, Charter has already added more than 7,000 jobs, and after the merger, New Charter would continue to increase their domestic workforce by closing overseas call centers that Time Warner Cable uses now. The Charter CEO also recently said he would expect 20,000 more high-quality call center jobs after the merger. A large company

should be applauded when it actively helps to boost local communities by bringing back jobs from overseas.

I hope that you take these points into account when making your decision, and I urge you to vote to approve the merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Vandenberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mike Vandenberg  
Township Supervisor  
Gun Plain Charter Township, Michigan