January 12, 2016

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 15-149
Docket A. 15-07-009

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As a Senator representing California’s 35th Senate District and Vice Chairman of the African American Caucus, I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. This merger emphasizes the importance of the diverse population that New Charter’s combined coverage footprint would provide for and promotes job growth.

Charter Communications has hired over 7,000 employees since 2012, currently employs nearly 10,000 employees in California, and will be returning Time Warner Cable call centers jobs to the United States. This effort to create jobs will be vital in continuing growth of California’s economy. In addition, for districts with incredibly diverse demographics such as my own, Charter’s prioritization in creating a workforce that reflects its diverse customer base is crucial. New Charter will adopt Time Warner Cable’s award-winning diversity initiatives and hiring practices and continue the company’s partnerships with educational institutions and non-profits.

My district includes sizable African American, Latino, and Asian populations, and Charter’s offerings of 15 minority-focused networks including BET, Bounce TV, TV One, Centric and Nuvo/Fuse will further promote representation of these demographics. As Vice Chair of the African American Caucus, this will help advance our goal of representing the interests of the greater African American community.

Due to New Charter’s commitment to economic job growth, and hiring and representation of diverse communities, I strongly encourage your support of this merger.
Letter to Chairman Wheeler
January 12, 2016

Sincerely,

[Signature]

ISADORE HALL, III
Senator, 35th Senate District

cc: Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission