



January 29, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce serves over 2,000 business members in a five county region in northwest lower Michigan which includes the counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Kalkaska and Antrim. We take pride in engaging on issues that impact our members and the general business climate in northern Michigan.

Access to high-speed internet is crucial for the future of business growth and development, especially in northern Michigan because of its largely rural nature. We are supportive of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks, and believe the merger will benefit businesses in northern Michigan by providing more technology resources in our area.

The business community in the Traverse City region is growing rapidly, and that has led to an ever-increasing demand for broadband and other mobile technology infrastructure. We understand that the proposed merger would lead to millions in technological infrastructure investment that is crucial to both business and residential needs in our region, which is often overlooked and underserved in this category. We also trust and support the company's pledge to bring company call centers to the region, and their commitment to open internet access.

Working with companies committed to investing in technology infrastructure is key to our future growth in northern Michigan, and we hope the FCC will grant approval for this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent Wood".

Kent Wood
Director of Government Relations