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February 1, 2016

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

Ref: Proceeding Number 15-149

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The Bessemer Township Board passed a motion of Support for the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time-Warner Cable and Bright House Networks at its regular meeting of the Township Board held on January 25, 2016. Charter operates locally in our region and the Township. Their continued investment will aide to boost economic development and provide benefits to businesses and residents of the region and Township.

Investing in communities is a critical element to long term economic development in the 21st century. Michigan's, and especially rural Michigan, future depends on its ability to attract and retain knowledge based workers, and residents. Central to attracting this priceless resource is creating a place making strategy that incorporates key assets such as information technology and telecommunications. Local governments need to support new and emerging relationships in order to insure critical access to technology and related infrastructure for their residents and business community.

We believe this acquisition will benefit consumers in our Township and region as they plan to expand access to broadband by building upon Bright House Networks and continuing to commit to a free and open Internet. Charter will make investment on in-house and out-of- house Wi-Fi without imposing data caps or in usage based billing.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of our support..

Sincerely,



Jeffery C. Randall  
Bessemer Township Supervisor