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Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Washington State Senate has the responsibility to legislate according to our constituents' needs. As a member, I know that we are often at odds over certain issues, but there remains important concerns where we stand together. All consumers want access to affordable and reliable broadband. This technology is a key component of our every day, and we need cable broadband companies that are committed to the best products and quality customer care. I believe proposed cable broadband company New Charter would fulfill the needs of my constituents, and I urge the commission to approve the merger.

New Charter would provide the highest-quality products and would emphasize innovation through several sustainable investments. For example, the company would build out one million residential line extensions and would invest at least \$2.5 billion in commercial networks. These are substantial goals that would undoubtedly improve service in communities across the country. In addition, the company would invest in cloud-based technology, full digitization, and in-home and out-of-home WiFi accessibility.

New Charter's many investments in innovation are aimed at providing customers with the best services. The company would couple this mission with a dedication to affordability. It understands that rising costs in the industry are unsustainable for many families, and it would improve options by providing high speeds at low rates. For instance, the company's basement speed would be the fastest of its kind in the industry but still be priced below many competitors. New Charter would also offer a low-cost option for low-income households.

I believe New Charter would improve the cable broadband industry, and I am pleased to lend my support to the merger of New Charter.

Sincerely,

Senator Judith Warnick
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