

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

My name is Peter Pettalia, and I have the privilege of serving as representative for Michigan's 106<sup>th</sup> District, which consists of 7,700 square miles and five counties bordering Lake Huron. Commerce is strong, driven mainly by healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and hospitality. Still, the geographically and economically varied nature of the District means that it would benefit from industry-leading broadband outlays. The reason for my letter then is to respectfully ask for your approval of New Charter, the company that would arise from the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks.

New Charter's projected investments would supply my constituents with the same type of service already enjoyed by those in other communities. Fast, reliable, and affordable broadband would provide those of us living and working in more rural areas the best opportunity to match up, attaining professional and educational aspirations.

Underprivileged and underserved communities would especially profit from New Charter's planned investments in human capital. New Charter would offer broadband options for low-income families with students in the National School Lunch Program. These families would receive, for just \$14.99 per month, 30/4 Mbps, which is a whole three times faster than the next fastest low-cost choice on the market. This initiative would prove a significant measure in closing up the ominous national "digital divide."

The citizens of the 106<sup>th</sup> District look forward to working with New Charter. We hope you will consider the aforesaid bold arrangements as you review the transaction proposal.

Yours respectfully,

Representative Peter Pettalia  
Michigan State House of Representatives  
106<sup>th</sup> District