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JON BUMSTEAD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As both a volunteer firefighter and a long-time business owner, I want to express my support for the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. The resulting company, New Charter, would offer much to our area.

Michigan House District 100 consists of three counties, covers roughly 2,470 square miles, and is home to about 87,000 residents. It hugs Lake Michigan in the central-western section of the state but also includes in-land cities like White Cloud, Fremont, and Newaygo. Its economy is led by manufacturing, healthcare, retail and agriculture.

As such, the District is diverse in several respects. The affordable and fast broadband services promised by New Charter would help ensure more equal opportunities for social, professional, and educational development. A significant step forward for rural areas, New Charter would build out one million residential lines and invest \$2.5 billion in commercial networks.

I was further moved to learn of the merger's concern for American communities. New Charter would offer broadband access to low-income individuals by way of discounted pricing options. It is worth noting that Charter has already worked to improve the economy by bringing call centers back from abroad, hiring thousands in the process.

I respectfully ask you to consider the aforementioned benefits and approve the formation of New Charter.

Sincerely,

Jon Bumstead
State Representative
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