



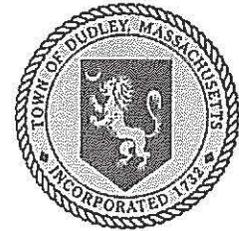
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Chairman Wheeler,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. My focus is on retaining and expanding the programming for our local news outlet, Charter Channel 3 here in Worcester, Mass. I have nothing but the highest praise for the staff there. They have always been professional, accommodating, and informative. The staff has assisted us in promoting our local programs and ideas, notifying the public of emergency situations and even assisted us with training for my supervisory officers in media relations. They provide quality service to all of Central Massachusetts. I have been a Police Officer in Dudley for 27 years and I currently serve as the town's Police Chief in Dudley. I have served in this position for over 13 years. Over the years, I have dealt with numerous media outlets and have been interviewed on numerous occasions for both emergency and non-emergency issues. The Director of Local Programming, Mr. Mike Marcy, as well as his entire staff have been a pleasure to work with over the years. Please allow me to share two of my personal experiences with you.

Several years ago in my role as President of the Central Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, I approached Charter Communications and their TV station, Charter TV3, about producing a series of community based safety/public service announcements. The response was a resounding 'yes' and that strong commitment continues to this day. In a relatively short time, they worked to make this program a reality. Numerous spots promoting safety related topics have been recorded with Chiefs of Police from throughout the county. A great deal of excellent feedback has been received as a result of this effort. It is truly an example of a positive partnership between the police and the media, which is truly something special in today's world. The company's Charter TV3 newscast, Worcester News Tonight, is also an important outlet for my office and many other police departments, allowing us to speak with our citizens about community based policing initiatives.

On a personal level, in April of 2014, I was diagnosed with Colorectal Cancer. From the very beginning, Mr. Marcy and his entire staff have been in contact with me, sending along well wishes and offering any support they possibly can. The station did a fine story at the outset of my treatment, which helped promote awareness as well as the importance of screening and early detection. They have continued to check in with me periodically and offer any support possible. During my treatment, I had the occasion to spend nearly 20 days hospitalized in UMass Memorial in Worcester. On my first stay last summer, I noticed how the available television stations for patients were limited. This made my stay seem even longer than it was. After my release, I spoke with Mr. Marcy and informed him of how something should be done to improve programming at the hospital. With a "captive" audience on hand, more options available for viewing would make the stay easier for many people. I re-entered the hospital on March 6th of this year and spent some 6 days there recovering. I was extremely pleased to see additional channel options available for viewing. Also, I was pleased to see on one of

the designated channels, a well done and informative program on health care and treatment produced by the Channel 3 team. This provided a great deal of information to patients and answered many health related questions. Needless to say I was very impressed and pleased with everything.

During my career, I have had the opportunity to deal with numerous members of the media. Not all experiences have been positive. I cannot say a bad thing about any of my dealings with the group at Charter TV 3. We as consumers are very fortunate to have Mr. Marcy and his entire team serving us. They are great people to work with, and even better people to call friends. The merger of these companies will allow further expansion of service to our area and I offer my full support for this. Should you require any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Chief Steven J. Wojnar