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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

It is my professional pleasure to write to you in support of Charter Communications along with their local TV station, Charter TV3. Charter has been an exemplary corporate community partner.

I have worked closely with Charter since they became the cable provider for our community, decades ago. I have first-hand experience with the people of Charter, their philanthropic undertakings, service, and the role they play in providing vital news and information to the public at large.

As a small non-profit organization providing critical services to the community, we have strategically relied on Charter to get the word out and it has worked in profound ways. Let me give you just one example of their effectiveness.

Our area has some of the highest foreclosure rates in our state and in the country and people of color, modest means, and those who live in isolated areas have been intentionally targeted with risky sub-prime loans and then subsequently by unscrupulous lenders pretending they could help them refinance.

With Charter's marketing assistance, our tiny organization has grown tremendously and served these same at risk people: Oak Hill CDC has been able to compete and capture, every dollar possible from the federal government to invest locally to stem the tide of foreclosure. With assistance from Charter we have been able to reach 5,000 homeowners throughout the Greater Worcester Area and triage them for potential mortgage relief. The result is that this year we saved 300 family homes from foreclosure, at a community value of \$50 million dollars and since 2007, we have facilitated \$450 million dollars in mortgage modifications for 2,250 home owner families. If not for Charter, this would not be possible.

Charter has been central to getting good news stories out and in shaming lenders who have taken advantage of their clients, and in helping our community leaders navigate this new uncharted territory effectively. Together with Charter, we have seen: the good the bad and the ugly. In my humble opinion, Charter Communications TV3 represents the very best our community has to offer.



I shudder to think what the economic devastation would have been if we were unable to reach these homeowners in need.

So, now, hopefully, you can see, just how strongly we support Charter Communications and value their role in the community. Please consider what I have shared as you review the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

In conclusion, from an economic as well as a real human perspective, our community applauds Charter's real life commitment to promoting economic diversity and quality of life issues for all the people in the cities and towns they serve.

Sincerely,



Mullen Sawyer

President & CEO

Oak Hill Community Development Corporation

& the NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center of Central Mass.

President

Canal District Alliance