February 16, 2016

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I write today in full support of the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. As the Representative from House District 98 in the Michigan state House of Representatives, I am always looking for improvements to our community that will benefit my constituents. Cable broadband services are in nearly all of our homes, and something we utilize each and every day. In our growing technological world, cable broadband has become an integral part of our lives. The merger and the ensuing company, New Charter, will offer my constituents cutting-edge services, faster speeds and improved customer care at affordable rates.

New Charter plans to invest in and improve cable broadband infrastructure. They’ll invest in in-home and out-of-home Wi-Fi hotspots and deploy over 300,000 access points to improve competition in the mobile data market. New Charter has committed to build out one million line extensions into residential areas to improve service, and will spend at least $2.5 billion in the build-out of commercial networks. Both Michigan businesses and consumers will benefit from these investments and commitments.

New Charter would ensure that underserved populations, who for too long have been priced out of the market, have a way in which to access cutting-edge technology. Taking the core of Bright’s House’s successful low-income program, New Charter would offer qualified customers low-cost broadband at a discounted rate. The program would bring the internet to students looking to apply online to college and study for exams, or to parents looking to further their education online.
Michiganders would benefit from the improved products and services provided by New Charter, especially those with low incomes. It is for these reasons that I ask that you swiftly vote to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

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