March 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the matter of the proposed Charter-Time Warner Cable Advance/NewHouse Transactions (MB Docket No. 15-149)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On February 29, 2016, the Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor of Laredo, Texas; Heberto Ramirez, Cable Administrator for Laredo, Texas; the Honorable Richard Thomas, Mayor of Mount Vernon, New York and the undersigned in his role as counsel to the cities of Laredo, Texas and Mount Vernon, New York met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Holly Saurer, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn.

The purpose of the meeting was to request the continued leadership of Commissioner Clyburn to ensure that if the above merger is approved, that the citizens of the respective cities be ensured access to an affordable internet access service at a speed sufficient to meet today’s needs. In addition, the communities sought the Commissioner’s leadership on a program to offer low income residents a discounted video services tier. The parties referenced the New York Public Service Commission as an example of merger conditions that the Federal Communications Commission should apply to the merged entities.

In addition to the merger conditions outlined above, Mayor Thomas requested the Commissioner’s leadership for Public, Education and Governmental (PEG) support. Mayor Thomas explained that Time Warner has provided cable services in his community in a “hold over” franchise status for almost a decade. The result is that the citizens of Mount Vernon have been denied support for PEG programming and facilities.
Pursuant to the Commission’s Ex parte rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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of BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

cc: Holly Saurer