

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Richland Hills is one of several vibrant cities that constitute Northeast Tarrant County, situated in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The county is known throughout not only Texas, but also the entire country for its pro-business and pro-education community. It is home to world-class enterprises like American Airlines, Bell Helicopter, Chesapeake Energy, Coca-Cola, Coors Distributing Company, and Con-Way Freight. Expectation of additional growth is so significant that a \$2.5 billion transportation project was launched in 2010 to expand the corridor extending from I-35 West in Fort Worth to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

To guarantee sustained prosperity as well as the efficacy of outlays, Northeast Tarrant County is pursuing investment in broadband infrastructure. This is just one reason why I am supporting the proposed formation of New Charter, which would devote at least \$2.5 billion in commercial networks and build out one million residential line extensions. I further back its creation due to the exceptional customer service our area has already received from Charter Communications. The merger with two other industry-leading companies, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, would only enhance what is already a fantastic user experience.

I am further impressed that New Charter would offer affordable broadband access options to families partaking in the National School Lunch program. Eighty-three percent of low-income households report that their children's schools expect Internet at home, yet less than half of those households are connected. Addressing this unsettling disparity would help bridge the "homework gap" in Richland Hills, where approximately 10.1% of those under the age of eighteen live below the poverty line.

I hope you will consider the prospective benefits for our community and the surrounding communities and, hence, lend the merger your support.

Sincerely,

Bill Agan
Mayor, Richland Hills, Texas