In the Matter of
Applications of Charter Communications, Inc.,
Time Warner Cable Inc., and
Advance/Newhouse Partnership for Consent
MB Docket No. 15-149
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT OF THE
PARENTS TELEVISION COUNCIL

The Parents Television Council (“PTC”) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization representing millions of concerned citizens, parents and families who join in a mission to protect children from the graphic sex, violence and profanity that is so pervasive in today’s entertainment media. Our vision is to provide a safe and sound entertainment media environment for children and families across America, and we submit the following SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT in the above-referenced proceeding.

On November 2nd, 2015, PTC filed public comments with the FCC related to Charter’s proposed acquisitions of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. During the time that has elapsed since our initial public comment was filed, we have continued to conduct ongoing due diligence related to the proposed merger. Representatives from the PTC personally met with, spoke with, and/or communicated electronically with executives at several of the independent, family-friendly cable programmers who provide urgently-needed entertainment programming to an underserved family market. In addition, we examined public comments on this docket which affirm that Charter has been a good partner to family friendly programmers, such as Hallmark, INSP, Ovation, RFD, UP and ASPIRE. The clear consensus and conclusion from these conversations is that Charter has worked in good faith with those programmers to make sure that their family-friendly programming remains available to its customers.

Given these findings from our ongoing investigative work, and presuming that Charter’s corporate leadership team continues along this very positive path; we believe that a combined
Charter/TWC/Bright House entity would better-serve the public interest than the status quo of existing, independent corporate entities.

We are abundantly aware of other reasonable and important public interest considerations that other individuals and organizations have raised during the FCC’s review process; and our conclusion reflects only those issues central to the mission of the Parents Television Council as raised by the PTC in our initial filing.

Respectfully submitted,

PARENTS TELEVISION COUNCIL

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