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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: MB Docket No. 14-57; GN Docket Nos. 14-28 and 10-127

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2014, Tom Rutledge, President and CEO of Charter Communications, Inc., and Catherine Bohigian, Charter's Executive Vice President for Government Affairs, met with Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner Rosenworcel, Commissioner Pai, and Commissioner O'Rielly in separate meetings. The following Commission staff were also present at these meetings: Jon Sallet, Phil Verveer, Bill Lake, Clint Odom, Adonis Hoffman, Rebekah Goodheart (by phone), Wayne Connor, Matthew Berry, Courtney Reinhard, and Rachel Cook. Alex Hoehn-Saric, Charter's Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, joined the meeting with Chairman Wheeler.

In these meetings, Charter discussed its pending transactions with Comcast Corporation. Charter explained that the transactions strengthen Charter by enhancing and rationalizing its geographic footprint and increasing its scale, ensuring that customers in the systems acquired by Charter will be served by a stronger competitor. See Public Interest Statement Supporting Comcast-Charter Asset Sale and Exchange, MB Docket No. 14-57, at 7-17 (filed June 4, 2014). The transactions, Charter explained, will bring substantial consumer benefits, including spreading Charter's advanced video services to more customers and increasing its ability to deliver new innovative services. See *id.* at 12-13. Charter discussed the fact that it has invested over \$4 billion since early 2012 on infrastructure and technology and is on track to upgrade its existing facilities to all-digital and increase its base residential broadband downstream speed—the minimum speed Charter offers—to 60 Mbps by the end of this year. See *id.* at 12-14. Charter also reiterated that it anticipates investing substantially in the Time Warner Cable (“TWC”) infrastructure to extend these kinds of benefits to former TWC customers, including upgrading the acquired TWC systems to all-digital within two years of closing. *Id.*

In addition, Charter explained that it supports an open Internet and does not block lawful content or engage in pay-for-prioritization. Charter commended the Commission for working to ensure that the Internet remains open and thriving and argued that reclassifying broadband under Title II was both

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unnecessary and harmful to those ends. See Comments of Charter, *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket Nos. 14-28 and 10-127, at 13-21 (filed July 18, 2014). In particular, Charter argued that trying to fit broadband within the Commission's Title II authority would upend the current climate of regulatory predictability and substantial private investment and ultimately harm consumers. See *id.* at 15-21.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these meetings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel L. Feder

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