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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Al Franken
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Franken:

Thank you for your letter regarding Charter Communications' proposed merger with Time Warner Cable and acquisition of Bright House Networks. I appreciate hearing your views.

The Commission will evaluate whether the proposed merger is in the public interest. Our analysis takes several factors into account, including the issues noted in your letter: the impact on consumers and competition. Indeed, as I recently said, an absence of harm would not be sufficient. Rather, the Commission will look to see how American consumers would benefit if the deal were approved. While I am unable to discuss the merits of this particular proposal, I can assure you that the Commission will be conducting an open and transparent process as required by FCC rules and regulations. After developing a full and complete record, we hope to conclude our review as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. Your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tom Wheeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler