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The Honorable Loretta Lynch Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

## Dear Attorney General Lynch and Chairman Wheeler:

As members of the committee of jurisdiction for the Federal Communications Commission, we have been closely following the proposed transactions between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks, and belie that its approval will result in significant benefits to the public and our economy.

Charter Communications' record of investing in its infrastructure and technology and its commitment to growing its American workforce while investing in its employees are important considerations that should not be taken for granted. All of us represent congressional districts where more jobs would be welcomed. The people we represent are as diverse as the geography itself; however, a common-theme we all hear when back home is that Washington needs to do more to promote job creation and less to interfere with companies willing to invest.

Since 2012, Charter Communications has created over 7,000 new jobs, a 43 percent increase in its workforce. These jobs are largely the result of Charter Communication's practice of bringing jobs once overseas back to the United States. We have every reason to expect that the creation of New Charter will create an additional 20,000 jobs in communities like ours. Job creation is our priority, and these jobs are important and needed in our communities.

Additionally, in a little over three years Charter has invested over \$5.7 billion in private capital towards its infrastructure and technology. These investments have allowed Charter to quadruple its broadband speeds and offer cutting-edge services to more communities. Like jobs, getting broadband into more communities is important to us, too. That is why Charter's commitment to expand its network by one million line extensions and to provide high-speed service to homes in rural, and other underserved areas within the New Charter footprint, is important progress for communities like ours.

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For these reasons and others, we support the swift approval of the transaction between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. We know consumers across the country will benefit.

Very respectfully,

Pete Olson

Member of Congress

Chris Collins

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Billy Long

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Renee Ellmers

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Bill Flores

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