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Honorable Secretary Kathleen Burgess
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re. Proceeding 15-M-0388: Charter, Time Warner Cable and Advance/Newhouse Partnership Merger

Dear Secretary Burgess:

On behalf of the Rochester Business Alliance, the regional chamber of commerce in Rochester, New York representing nearly 1,600 employers, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposed merger between Charter, Time Warner Cable, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership. We believe that this combination offers attractive benefits to businesses and residential consumers, as well as creating much-needed jobs for the region.

Some of these benefits include:

- A \$2.5 billion investment in the build-out of networks into commercial areas to create additional competition in the commercial sector, as well as one million network line extensions to provide high-speed service to rural and other underserved areas.
- Straightforward, nationally uniform pricing with no data caps, no usage-based pricing, no modem fees, no early termination fees, and no federal or state Universal Service Fund (USF) fees, providing a richer product at a better value.
- A return of jobs to the United States and the hiring thousands of new employees for customer service call centers and field technician operations.

We believe that the economic benefits of this merger will be substantial, particularly to underserved rural businesses and residential consumers.

Expanded coverage, lower costs, job creation and improved service are why we believe this merger will be good for Rochester and the Finger Lakes Region. For all these reasons, Rochester Business Alliance is pleased to offer this letter in support of the Charter, Time Warner Cable, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership merger.

Sincerely,

Chris Wiest
Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy, Rochester Business Alliance

