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

RE: Case No. 15-M-0388 -- Joint Petition of Charter Communications and Time Warner Cable for Approval of a Transfer of Control of Subsidiaries and Franchises, Pro Forma Reorganization, and Certain Financing Arrangements.

Dear Secretary Burgess:

I write on behalf of the Business Council of New York State, Inc., to express our support for the proposed Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable, Inc, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership merger.

The Business Council is the leading employer organization in New York State, representing the interests of large and small firms throughout the state. Its membership is made up of approximately 2,400 member businesses large and small, as well as local chambers of commerce and professional and trade associations. Overall, our members employ more than 1.2 million New Yorkers. The primary function of the Business Council is to serve as an advocate for employers in the state political and policy-making arena, working for a healthier business climate, economic growth, and jobs.

We recognize that the information and communications sector is an increasingly critical component of a healthy economy in New York State, which is why two years ago we established our Information Technology and Telecommunications (ITT) Committee to serve as a central resource for our members on news and issues in this key area. The Business Council understands that access to a reliable 21st Century communications infrastructure – with competitive options for service – is essential for New Yorkers in their homes, schools and workplaces.

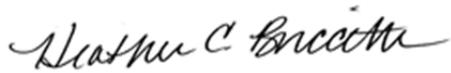
Based on this understanding, the Business Council believes that the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership will benefit the approximate 3.2 million consumers and many business enterprises across 1,100 communities in the State of New York. New Charter would offer New Yorkers better products at more affordable rates. Their slowest broadband tier of 60 Mbps would be cheaper than comparable offerings from Time Warner, allowing several people in the same house to stream high-definition video at the same time. Existing Time Warner customers, including local businesses, would also benefit from hassle-free updates to digitization, Charter's cloud-based guide and its Worldbox CPE system set-top box. Moreover, New Charter will invest \$2.5 billion in commercial areas beyond where they currently operate, adding competition to the commercial sector, and build out one million line extensions into residential areas, giving rural and underserved areas access to high-speed service.

Such improvements will be important for the average New Yorker in the new company's service area. Everyday demands for broadband at home are increasing as families turn to the Internet and other online applications not only for personal communications and entertainment but also for teleworking needs and operation of connected home devices such as security, child monitoring and utility-usage controls.

After examining the publicly available data, we believe that the new company will deliver superior communications services to residential customers in its service area. It also will invigorate efforts to offer business communications services to enterprises of all sizes, particularly small- and medium-sized businesses for which competitive options are often lacking. And as Charter Communications rolls out its upgrades to the existing Time Warner Cable networks, it will boost job growth in construction and related downstream employment.

For all of these reasons, we urge the Commission to approve the Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas C. Brucetta".