



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
Attn: Linda George, Administrator
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Support for the Application for Transfer of Control – Cox Communications and Charter Communications, Docket D-25-18

Administrator George,

I support the proposed transfer of control between Cox Communications and Charter Communications (Docket D-25-18) with the expectation of the new company's continued commitment to serving the residents and institutions of our city with integrity, responsiveness, and a strong local presence.

Cox Communications has been a valued partner to Providence, both as a service provider and as a corporate citizen. The company has consistently demonstrated engagement with our neighborhoods, investments in our community organizations, and responsiveness to the needs of both the City and individual constituents. As this transition moves forward, I have made clear that this standard of service and community partnership must be maintained.

In recent discussions, representatives of Charter Communications have assured me that the new combined company will share Cox's ethos of good corporate citizenship—one that values local relationships, community investment, and reliable service delivery. It is a very positive signal that the company has committed \$50 million to a foundation to continue the essential community investments Cox is known for. I also understand that Charter has a team of business/account service representatives focused on meeting the needs of large municipal and governmental customers, which is critical to ensuring continuity for the City of Providence and other public sector partners.

With these assurances, I am supportive of the proposed transfer and confident that the residents and organizations of Providence will continue to benefit from the same high level of service and community engagement they have come to expect.

Sincerely,



Mayor Brett P. Smiley