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Re: Docket Number: D-25-18

Ms. Golde:

Pawtucket is a proud city of 75,000 residents, and I am honored to serve as its mayor. Alongside many dedicated partners, I've worked to lead the revitalization of Pawtucket's residential and commercial core. An important partner in this effort has been Cox Communications — not only as a provider of essential internet and mobile services, but as a company that invests deeply in the people and institutions of our community.

I am pleased to lend my support to the proposed Cox–Charter Communications transaction, which I believe will strengthen the company's ability to deliver high-quality, affordable service while continuing its longstanding commitment to community investment.

Pawtucket is known as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. Home to Slater Mill—the nation's first water-powered cotton mill—our city helped power an era of innovation that transformed the country. Today, we are working to spark a new kind of renaissance, transforming Pawtucket into a 21st-century hub for manufacturing, arts, culture, and sports.

Cox has played a meaningful role in that vision. The company is both a service provider and a team sponsor for Rhode Island FC, our state's first professional soccer team, whose home field at Centreville Bank Stadium is powered by Cox Wi-Fi. Cox has also been a steadfast supporter of the Pawtucket Boys & Girls Club, investing tens of thousands of dollars in technology upgrades and helping to open a new Cox Innovation Lab for local youth. Earlier this year, Cox Digital Ambassador and former NFL player Malcolm Mitchell visited Slater Middle School to inspire Pawtucket students through lessons in literacy and digital citizenship.

Beyond these programs, Cox employees are active members of our community — volunteering each year in the city's Thanksgiving Turkey Basket distribution and serving on the Pawtucket Foundation board, which advances local economic and community development.

Cox has been an instrumental partner in helping us realize Pawtucket's vision for growth and revitalization. By joining with Charter, the company will gain the scale to expand affordable, reliable connectivity and to sustain the kind of community partnerships that have made a measurable difference in our city. The combination will also bring enhanced career opportunities, higher wages, and stronger benefits for local employees who are part of the Cox family today.

As Pawtucket continues its transformation, we look forward to building on this partnership and to the positive impact the combined company can deliver for our residents, businesses, and institutions. I respectfully urge the Division to approve this transaction.

Sin<u>ce</u>rely,

Donald R. Grebien

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