



CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS
MAYOR MARIA RIVERA

580 BROAD STREET
CENTRAL FALLS, RI 02863

OFFICE: (401)727-7400
EMAIL: MAYORSOFFICE@CENTRALFALLSRI.US

November 05, 2025

Ellen Golde, Division Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888
Ellen.Golde@dpuc.ri.gov

Dear Ms. Golde,

As Mayor of Central Falls, I write to express my support for the proposed transfer of control between Cox Communications and Charter Communications, Docket D-25-18. In a community like Central Falls, access to reliable, affordable connectivity is not a luxury; it's a necessity. Cox Communications has long understood that and has been a true partner in bridging the digital divide for our families, students, and seniors.

Beyond providing essential broadband and mobile services, Cox has invested deeply in the people of Central Falls. Members of the Cox team are part of our community—they volunteer, hire locally, and show up for their neighbors. In fact, Cox recently participated in our city's annual job fair, connecting residents directly to employment opportunities and helping advance Central Falls' workforce development goals.

Cox's impact also extends across our institutions and nonprofits. The company has provided grant funding and sponsorships to *Progreso Latino*, a cornerstone organization supporting Rhode Island's Latino and immigrant communities, including through its Youth Mentorship & Entrepreneurship Program — a year-round STEAM-based initiative empowering multilingual youth through hands-on learning and mentorship. Cox has also partnered with *The Learning Community*, a K-8 school in Central Falls, sponsoring literacy events and bringing Cox Digital Ambassador and former NFL player Malcolm Mitchell to inspire students to read and safely navigate the digital world.

The proposed merger with Charter Communications would strengthen Cox's ability to build on this local legacy. The combination will enable greater reach, efficiency, and investment in service quality. Importantly, the merged company will also bring tangible benefits to workers — including a 100% U.S.-based workforce, expanded career advancement opportunities, and enhanced retirement benefits — all of which contribute to stronger local economies.

Cox has proven itself as a responsible corporate partner and an engaged member of our community. I believe this transaction will allow the company to continue evolving and expanding its positive impact, here in Rhode Island and beyond. I respectfully urge the Division to approve their application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Maria Rivera

Mayor Maria Rivera
Central Falls, Rhode Island