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

Dear Administrator George:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed transfer of control between Cox Communications and Charter Communications, Docket D-25-18.

As a long-time legislative member of the Cox Charities that emphasize support for STEM and STEAM programs of organizations around the State of Rhode Island, I held recent dialogue with representatives from both Cox and Charter, and emphasized three priorities: affordable cost of service, an emphasis on maintaining community involvement with non-profit organizations, and a continued effort to work with our communities around the State.

Economical, reliable broadband, phone, and cable service is a lifeline for so many of my constituents, and it is expected that providers will keep those services accessible, affordable and dependable. Just as important, it is expected that a provider will invest in the people and places they serve. Cox Communications has long demonstrated a commitment throughout the State of Rhode Island through strong customer service, infrastructure investment, employees living in nearly every municipality, and meaningful support for local nonprofits, schools, and community initiatives.

I was heartened to hear that Charter Communications has confirmed those same priorities, while stating a commitment to competitive pricing, operational efficiency, and local investment which reflects a recognition that affordability and reliability are an important concern — and that community partnerships are an essential part of doing business in Rhode Island.

As a long-time policymaker, I value rational approaches that empower both Rhode Island residents and businesses to thrive and prosper. I appreciate the engagement that both Cox and Charter have shown in discussing this transition and providing direct outreach to legislators early in the process. I look forward to seeing a continuation of this collaboration to ensure that this merger benefits Rhode Island consumers and strengthens our local communities.

Sincerely,

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