

Rhode Island Foundation

Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
Attn: Ellen Golde, Division Clerk
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

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

Ms. Golde:

I write to share the Rhode Island Foundation's experience working closely with Cox Communications (Cox) to manage the philanthropic partnership between our two entities, as you consider the proposed transfer of control between Cox and Charter Communications.

As Rhode Island's only community foundation, we play a unique role: convening partners, stewarding philanthropic resources, and helping ensure that public, private and nonprofit efforts align with the real-life priorities of Rhode Islanders.

Over the past decade, the Foundation has worked with Cox to steward its philanthropic investments through the Cox Charities Northeast Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. We sincerely appreciate the company's willingness to invest time, talent and financial support into local nonprofits, schools, and underserved communities across the state. That work aligns with the community priorities the Rhode Island Foundation identified in our Five-Year Action Plan: Civic and Cultural Life; Climate Action and Sustainability; Education and Student Success; Healthy and Strong Communities; and Housing and Economic Mobility; guided by inclusiveness, accessibility, compassion, mutual respect and humility. The Action Plan acknowledges the intricate web of challenges that Rhode Islanders face and creates space for sourcing and supporting solutions.

We encourage the new company to carry forward Cox's deep local commitment—using its greater scale, resources, and the long-standing community partnerships already built here to help make Rhode Island an even stronger place to live, work, and do business. Should this transfer be approved locally and, ultimately, the merger be approved nationally, the Foundation looks forward to continuing our collaborative work with the company and local partners to advance the community priorities that matter most to Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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