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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Via Electronic Filing

In the Matter of the Commission's Docket 25-810 "Applications Filed For The Transfer Of Control Of Cox Communications, Inc. To Charter Communications Inc."

On behalf of the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public through the research, analysis, and dissemination of information on the government's effects on the economy, we respectfully submit these comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the above-referenced proceeding.

TPA supports the merger of Charter Communications and Cox Communications, believing that a grant of the applications would serve the public interest. Following the merger, Charter Communications will indirectly own and control the whole of Cox Communications' residential broadband, video, mobile, and voice businesses.

Time has proven that a free-market system with little government intervention is the most effective way to grow the telecom industry in the United States. Competition in the marketplace spurs American businesses to make economic decisions that not only are in their best interests but also benefit consumers by improving the quality of services and lowering prices. Due to the generally light touch the FCC has used to guide the telecom industry, the broadband marketplace has become more competitive than ever, with not only wireline services, but also wireless, fixed-wireless, and satellite broadband options offered to consumers.

The merger of Charter Communications and Cox Communications would do nothing to upset the competitive balance in the industry. This transaction would not create adverse horizontal effects on competition due to the limited overlap between the companies' respective service territories.

Combining the two companies would increase economies of scale to yield a stronger consumer broadband competitor while also enhancing the competitiveness of the mobile wireless marketplace. The scale of the new company would boost operating efficiencies, helping drive down service costs and enable current Cox Communications customers to benefit from Charter Communications' bundling options and superior customer service.

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Additionally, the merger aligns with Trump administration goals of bringing jobs back to the U.S. from overseas. Charter Communications intends to extend its own policy of an all domestic-based sales and customer service workforce to Cox Communications, which currently outsources many of those jobs to other countries. Charter Communications has pledged that all those jobs will pay at least $20 per hour with comprehensive benefits.

In short, the combined forces of the two companies will provide benefits to Americans by more quickly closing the digital divide. We urge the FCC to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

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