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Re: Recommended Decision by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Karl J. Bemesderfer Comcast Corporation Acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Trade of Service Territories with Charter Communications Application 14-04-013 (and Related Matter Application 14-06-012)

Dear President Picker, Commissioner Peterman, Commissioner Florio, Commissioner Sandoval, and Commissioner Randolph:

We are writing to support and applaud the Proposed Decision (PD) of Administrative Law Judge Karl J. Bemesderfer in the matter pertaining to the Comcast Corporation acquisition of Time Warner Cable (TWC) and trade of service Territories with Charter Communications. The conditions in the PD will Former California State Assemblymembe ensure that there will be a significant public benefit for California consumers resulting from this corporate consolidation and all low-income households will have the opportunity to subscribe to high-speed Internet at home.

> Today, 25% of Californians are stuck on the other side of the Digital Divide up against a wall of poverty and not likely to be able to fully participate in our democracy or contribute to our economy without high-speed Internet access at home. With one bold action to adopt the PD you will open up opportunities to millions of families and their children and will transform the California economy and quality of life forever. We urge you to continue your tradition of trailblazing leadership in the public interest.

> Historically, the California Public Utilities Commission has been a national leader on promoting broadband deployment and adoption to close the Digital Divide. We know that each of you has specialized expertise on Digital Inclusion and welcome your policy contributions to enhance the PD. We also realize that you may be under a pressure from the applicant and their allies to weaken the ALJ PD conditions of approval, but we trust that your leadership will rise above the politics to advance sound public policy for all consumers in a Digital Age.



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Thank you for your consideration of this input. We enthusiastically recommend the ALJ PD as a solid foundation on which to base and refine your determination of the applications before you on the Comcast-TWC-Charter matter.

Sincerely,

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