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Ms. Irene Kim Asbury  
Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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Dear Secretary Asbury:

I am writing this letter to show my support of the possible merger of Cablevision with Altice. It is my belief that this will be a positive thing for my community as Altice will help in keeping cable service competitive with the other providers.

For our community to be able to continue to grow and we need companies that prioritizes connectivity and broadband accessibility. Cablevision's has a long history of serving customers in Bergenfield with innovative and unique product offerings. They have also been a strong supporter of such community affairs programming as taping the Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day parade for many years and through such programs as Hispanic Heritage Essay contest and Charity Champions program which have provided students in our community with great opportunities to showcase their talents.

A company of Altice's stature, international presence, and substantial experience will bring a new, stronger competitor to our communications market. I feel that having a new partner with these characteristic is the best outcome and look forward to working with the company in the future.

I hope the BPU feels the same way as I do in supporting this acquisition and approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

Norman Schmelz

Mayor – Borough of Bergenfield

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