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March 4, 2016

Ms. Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE:

**Letter of Support** 

CM15111255 and TM15111256

Dear Ms. Asbury:

The Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) is the preeminent leader in free enterprise advocacy for the purpose of fostering an economic climate that enhances business potential and makes New Jersey a better state in which to live, work and conduct business. CIANJ represents more than 900 companies from virtually every business sector and we pride ourselves in advocating for an enhanced business climate in New Jersey where our members can flourish and provide for a quality of life for the tens of thousands of individuals they employ. I am writing to express our support for the proposed acquisition of Cablevision by Altice because we believe our members and our economy will benefit from the enhanced services and innovation that will result from this transaction.

Our organization believes that economic growth in this region is reliant upon a world class infrastructure system that prioritizes connectivity and broadband accessibility. We were pleased to learn that Altice has a long term strategy to deliver the best services, invest in the most advanced technology, and develop innovative products for consumers, building on the well-established foundation of Cablevision. Cablevision subscribers will benefit from Altice's global scale, access to capital, and fresh perspective. We are pleased that a company with Altice's global presence, history of investment, and deep experience in the communications market will be our new partner.

We support this transaction because we believe it will enhance services, drive innovation and increase access to broadband. CIANJ urges the Board of Public Utilities to approve this transaction because we believe it will enhance opportunity and contribute to economic growth of New Jersey.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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