

October 6, 2014

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses & Authorizations, MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Commissioners:

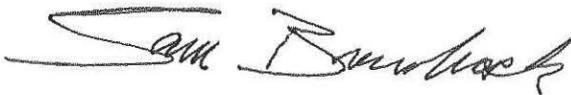
I strongly support the proposed merger between AT&T and DIRECTV. This merger will bring important opportunities for the state of Kansas.

While many Americans enjoy the benefits of high-speed Internet and other modern technology, too many Kansans in small and rural communities still struggle to gain access to these services. Fast and reliable Internet is essential for businesses in Kansas to expand and compete in new markets throughout the state as well as the country. For farmers and ranchers, this access means the ability to use modern farming resources and high-tech tools designed to increase yields and productivity. And in our schools, these same networks can offer educational enrichment and opportunities that engage our students and ignite their curiosity. In fact, students and professionals alike can benefit from online education programs to telework, learn new subjects and acquire new skills from any location. For most people, this access means improved quality of life.

This merger offers some solutions to this challenge: Once approved, the combined company will bring access to state-of-the-art Internet access to millions of customer locations throughout the country, mainly in more rural and underserved communities—including many in Kansas. Not only that, but post-merger, AT&T will also be able to offer consumers new choices and options like innovative service bundles.

This merger will bring access to essential connectivity to many Kansans who currently do not have it, and it will offer new and future opportunities to the great communities, schools, and businesses across the state. I'm pleased to support it.

Sincerely,



Sam Brownback
Governor