

October 10, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler
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 Chairman Wheeler:

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the Maine's business community representing a network of over 5,000 businesses across the state of Maine. Investment in advanced communications networks and services are important to the economic vitality of Maine businesses and citizens. Our telecommunications network is the backbone of the Maine business community and allows our businesses access to the global economy and why the merger between AT&T and DIRECTV is important issue to Maine's business community.

I would like to share with you, that our experience here in Maine with AT &T is one in which they have been in the fore front of helping grow our economy and our communities through their investments in telecommunications upgrades here in Maine. Access to high speed broadband is an important link to the rest of the world for business, education, and rural healthcare, especially in a state like Maine. If this merger is approved more than 100,000 locations will be covered through the combined AT&T/ DIRECTV merger using Fixed Wireless Local Loop and that is a benefit to Maine's business community that is significant. Many of these locations are in largely underserved, rural areas that will have access to high speed broadband for the first time. Approving the merger between AT&T and DIRECTV and improving high speed broadband access for rural businesses is a win-win for a rural state like Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter that has statewide impacts for the State of Maine. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce urges the commission to approve the merger of AT&T and DirectTV and help in moving Maine's economy forward.

Best regards,



Dana Connors
President