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Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Chairman Wheeler,

Many Midwestern states, including Iowa, continue to face challenges in the development of reliable broadband access to rural areas. This letter is to express support for the proposed merger of AT&T and DirecTV.

Trends within education and economic development require greater need for broadband access. Our future workforce must have access to technology, information, and knowledge in order to compete in the global economy. Just as important though, our employers cannot risk missed innovation or stifled growth due to lack of access itself.

The proposed merger would resolve many challenges related to infrastructure. The prospect of satellite and broadband technology complementing one another would provide equity for Iowans, regardless of rural or urban setting.

Finally, this merger plays toward the strengths of each company. I have listened with great care to the debate over broadband development and believe consumers would walk away as winners should the merger proceed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hall".

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