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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing on behalf of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, a non-profit association representing over 6000 families in Massachusetts, to express our support for the AT&T/DIRECTV merger.

Every part of our business can be made more efficient when we have access to high speed broadband, but, for many of our members, especially in Western Massachusetts, that is not an option. Access to webinars, videos, pictures, powerpoint presentations, forms, and templates is important in our businesses. Our interactions with our state Department of Agriculture, USDA, EPA, FDA, and DOL are critical in complying with regulations and improving our bottom line. The AT&T/DIRECTV merger would increase access to Internet for many of our members and we are highly supportive.

Farming is an important part of the Massachusetts economy and we are proud to be here providing jobs, revenue, and goods for market. In order to meet the needs of generations of farmers, for them to be competitive, and to ensure our members have access to the best information and services available, fast and reliable Internet access is key. Improved broadband access by rural Americans is also a priority policy of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing over 6 million families nationwide.

The AT&T/DIRECTV merger will help us do a better job of feeding our growing population and that is why we hope the merger will be approved very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Bonanno", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A. Richard Bonanno, Ph.D.
President