

The Honorable Thomas Wheeler
Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket 14-90

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

On behalf of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), the leading national organization for Latino workers and their families, I write in support of the proposed merger between AT&T and DIRECTV.

High-speed Internet is essential in today's economy and society. Yet, many Latino households lack access to high-speed broadband. If the FCC approves the AT&T merger with DIRECTV, the companies have promised expansion of high-speed Internet service, with a significant amount of deployment in currently underserved areas. This deployment would be a step forward for the economy and for Latino working families.

In addition to being the fastest-growing demographic in the U.S., Hispanics are leaders in smartphone ownership and online usage. By expanding Latinos' access to both wired and wireless high-speed Internet service, there will be more access to the many benefits of high-speed broadband for education, health care, civic participation, and worker training.

Moreover, the proposed merger would be positive for Latino workers. According to the Communications Workers of America (CWA):

“AT&T has the largest full-time union labor force of any company in the United States and its collective bargaining agreements define pay and benefits, rights, protections, and fair treatment. AT&T respects the collective bargaining process, and as guaranteed by CWA's collective bargaining agreements, AT&T's labor relations policies that support collective bargaining will extend to DIRECTV's non-management workforce after the transaction.”

Driven and directed by Latino labor leaders, LCLAA is proud to join our brothers and sisters at the Communications Workers of America, the AFL-CIO and multiple state federations in support of the AT&T and DIRECTV combination.

Respectfully



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President LCLAA Board